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Princeton High, JW Scores Fall Short, According to State

Princeton High School and John Witherspoon Middle School have both been placed on the federal government's early warning list, following the release of the State Department of Education's preliminary results of the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) requirements, outlined by the No Child Left Behind Act.

AYP results are based on year-to-year comparisons of the high school's scores in the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) test, and the middle school's scores in the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) test.

According to the state, John Witherspoon scored 38 out of the 40 points needed, while the high school only scored 34 out of 40.

At the high school, only 44 percent of African Americans passed the math portion of the test, and 66.7 percent passed the language arts portion. A total of 80 percent of Hispanic students passed the language arts portion, but only 60 percent succeeded in math.

At JW, both African American and special education students fell in the range of 50-62 percent passing.

The AYP results are only preliminary, and are based on the results of the first of three tests that were administered

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Shopping Center Awaits Arts Council

Following the example of the Princeton Public Library, the Arts Council of Princeton will set up a temporary base at the Princeton Shopping Center next month.

The move will take place as work begins on the cultural institution's new 16,740-square-foot, Michael Graves-designed building at the corner of Paul Robeson Place and Witherspoon Street. The entire structure, once completed, will add 8,040 square feet to the current building.

The conTEMPORARY Arts Center will be housed in the southernmost end of the Shopping Center adjacent to Eckerd Pharmacy. Classes will be conducted at the satellite location, as well as exhibitions and other programming for the next 18 to 24 months, according to a joint letter from Jeff Nathanson, executive director of the Arts Council, and Wendy Mager, president of the Arts Council board of trustees.

Operations will also expand to the Princeton Public Library, the Princeton University Art Museum, various University locations, the YMCA, and the Suzanne Patterson Center.

Since the June groundbreaking for the new building, the Arts Council has been holding its summer school session at the Princeton Junior School on Fackler Road in Lawrence Township.

In the meantime, the Arts Council is involved with the $7.5 million capital campaign launched in March to get the new building completed. The fund-raising effort includes several upcoming events, including a yard sale on Saturday, September 10, and the presentation of the Witherspoon-Jackson Neighborhood quilt on Sunday, September 11, at the loft studio of the Paul Robeson Building at 102 Witherspoon Street. The hand-crafted quilt contains over 90 photographs compiled by residents illustrating historical scenes of the neighborhood.

The Arts Council's annual Dining by Design fund-raiser in October is also expected to contribute to the capital campaign. The theme for the annual culinary event located at several homes throughout the area, will be "Casablanca," with a showing of the movie of the same name this Monday, August 29 at 8 p.m. at Mediterra on Hulfish Street.

—Matthew Hersh

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PHS Moves Forward With Plans To Improve Student Performance

Princeton High School's Small Learning Communities (SLC) initiative will begin its second year this fall, with new programs and changes to the school day being instituted to increase student achievement levels.

This will include bringing back the concept of a homeroom, as well as departmental meetings among faculty members on early dismissal Wednesdays.

Implemented last year through a $300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the program is designed to give schools funding that will enable them to find ways to create smaller group settings that personalize the educational experience.

It is a timely development for PHS after reports that the school fell short on the state's standards for student achievement during the 2004-2005 school year.

Faculty members have spent the summer filling in the details of the plan, said PHS Principal Gary Snyder at the Princeton Regional Board of Education's Program Committee meeting on Thursday, August 18. He added that many aspects of the program are geared toward establishing or improving

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VIGIL AT TIGER PARK: Last Wednesday hundreds of people lined up for a candlelight vigil in support of Cindy Sheehan, mother of Army Specialist Casey Sheehan, as she and other families and supporters of soldiers killed or wounded in Iraq continued their vigil outside President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas. The event was held by the Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action.

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Test Scores

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over the school year, said Assistant Superintendent Jeffrey Graber at a Program Committee meeting held on Thursday, August 18. He noted that the district's score for PHS is 37 out of 40, which differs from the state's published report.

According to Mr. Graber, the AYP was not obtained at the middle school in part because only 60 percent of African Americans passed the language arts portion of the test, when 66 percent was needed. This small difference in percentages only accounts for one or two students, said Mr. Graber.

"Every child is important and we want every child to pass, but the numbers may change from year to year depending upon whether students drop out," he said.

Based on the reports that were released this month, 13 of Mercer County's 35 schools did not make AYP. Altogether 22.7 percent of the state's public and charter schools have been identified as "Schools In Need of Improvement."

While 13 schools failed to meet state standards this year, only six failed during the 2003-2004 school year.

This may be due to the fact that from 2001 through 2004, 69 percent of students had to pass the language portion of the test, while 74 percent had to pass math. Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, 77 percent had to pass language arts, and 81 percent had to pass math.

"This is not statistically possible," said Program Committee Chair Charlotte Bialek, referring to the achievement levels the state wants from its schools. "They know it, and refuse to change it."

Last year John Witherspoon passed all areas of the AYP, but PHS suffered with some of the same shortcomings, with some African-American students unable to pass the language arts portion of the test.

Mr. Graber noted that while both schools fell short this year, they were recently recognized by the state as Just for Kids "best practices" schools, which is in part based on student performance and test scores.

"When you have a good school that misses by only two points because of just a few kids ... it penalizes the whole school," said Mr. Graber.

He added that the district intends to take measures this year to improve students' test scores, which will include an expanded, full year HSPA class at the high school, and a careful review of student achievement in math and language arts, which will help faculty identify ways to address students' needs during the upcoming school year.

—Candace Braun

1946: The Dow Jones hits 212.5, Bogey makes "The Big Sleep," and TOWN TOPICS begins publication.

Topics In-Brief:
A Community Bulletin

The **Princeton Regional Board of Education** was scheduled to convene Tuesday night to discuss school openings, the induction of new faculty, and a district-wide mentoring program. The Board was also scheduled to adopt the K-12 curriculum for the 2005-2006 school year, as well as class trips for John Witherspoon Middle School students.

Princeton University has adopted a new policy that automatically grants male and female faculty extra time to pursue tenure after welcoming a new child. According to the American Council on Education's Office of Women in Higher Education, the University is the first school in the country to adopt such a policy.

Road Paving Update: The Great Road will continue to be closed between Mountain Avenue and Stuart Road from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until further notice. In addition, the Great Road will be closed between Cherry Valley and Stuart roads, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. until further notice. Drivers are asked to detour using Cherry Valley Road to Cherry Hill Road to Route 206 to Mountain Avenue, and back to the Great Road; **Snowden Lane** will remain closed between Overbrook Drive and Franklin Avenue between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. until further notice. In addition, Snowden between Franklin and Rollingmead will continue to be closed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.; **Clearview Avenue** and **Grover Avenue**, between Clearview and Franklin, will remain closed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. until further notice; **Edgerstoune Road** will continue to hold a one-way, alternating traffic pattern from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **Sycamore Road** will be closed to through traffic until further notice; **Littlebrook Road** and **Tyson Lane** will be closed to through traffic until further notice. **Library Place**, between Stockton Street and Mercer Street will be closed between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. through this Thursday, August 25. Starting August 31 and running through September 2, **Mercer Street**, between Alexander Street and Library Place will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A detour will be put in place with police officers assisting with traffic. Emergency access for emergency vehicles will be maintained.

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FENCED IN: Shop the World at the Salty Dog, whose main entrance is on Spring Street, has always benefitted from the store's rear access from the former parking lot, now the plaza. But in recent months, the store's rear access has been blocked as construction of a $125,000 pergola lining the shops afong the pfaza has stalled. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Mending Fences Might Not Be an Option As Merchant, Borough Spar Over Access

For Jifl Carpe, owner of Shop the World at the Salty Dog, something as simpfe as access to her store has afways been an uphilf battle

That's because since opening in 1992, her store has occupied one of the more curious, perhaps confounding, spaces downtown: a small alleyway nestled between the rear of Village Silver and the Frame Shoppe.

Until earlier this year, her store, a specialty trade shop offering incense, candfes, and jewelry from around the world enjoyed both front and rear access.

According to Ms. Carpe, nearly 75 percent of her customer base entered her store at the rear entrance that once faced the parking lot next to the library that is now the public plaza.

While Spring Street is the official entrance, Ms. Carpe said, it is easy for the casual passer-by to miss. She had hoped that the foot traffic from the new plaza would generate high visibility from the rear of the store.

But that changed in February as the pfaza began to take shape and footings for a planned $125,000 pergofa were put into place.

Nassau HKT, the developer of the Borough's downtown development project, fenced off the area that they and the Borough claim is a liability risk because the pergola footings are still exposed and overgrown plantings could get caught underfoot. There is also a small ditch.

Caught in the middle is Ms. Carpe, whose store has lost rear access, and, she added, much of its business.

Ms. Carpe has appeared three times before Borough Council since Aprif and afl three times, she has received sympathy from the members of Council, but in Ms. Carpe's' view, the sympathy vote has done little for the success of her store.

"The [Princeton Public] Library's holding events in the plaza and I should be able to have my tables out there," she said, referring to the library's recent outdoor chess tournament. "75 percent of my business comes through the back door, and we've almost gone out of business."

"If f were the Gap or Banana Republic, they would have done something."

But the Borough's hands are tied, said Robert Bruschi, Borough Administrator.

"She's got to be frustrated over this thing not getting done — had it gotten done when we thought it would in June — this wouldn't be an issue, but it keeps lingering.

"We have looked at alternatives such as putting gravel down, but we don't want to do it, and neither does Bob," Mr. Bruschi added, referring to NHKT principal Robert Powell.

Since 1988, Princeton Borough has incurred close to $309,000 in damage expenses from so-called "trip-and-fall" incidents.

"We don't want to put gravel down," Mr. Bruschi said, "because then you start having accidents."

Mr. Bruschi added that the Borough agreed to place a sign on the fence indicating

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Mending Fences

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that the main entrance to Ms. Carpe's shop is located on Spring Street.

"It only takes one time for her customer base to figure out that the entrance is on Spring."

However, even when the pergola is up, Ms. Carpe worries that the plantings will block the sign at the rear of her store: a sign she was unable to hang until she received a hardship variance from the Borough. According to the original pergola plans, she said, her sign would not be blocked.

The entire plaza and pergola project are temporarily stalled as the Borough works through making payments to various contractors who are owed money by Trost, the former developer of the general contractor, NHKT, and some sub-contractors.

The Borough, Mr. Bruschi said, has agreements with two of the three contractors who are owed and "are trying to get the third on board."

And in the meantime, "We don't want gravel where you're not supposed to be walking. We don't want to lead people to problem areas."

"There's no way I would have rented this store with a wall here," Ms. Carpe said.

"I just don't want to be talking in December about how this killed my holiday business.

—Matthew Hersh

Doyle to Speak at Chamber Luncheon

Award-winning journalist, 3-time Emmy award recipient and anchor of "It's Your Call," Lynn Doyle, is slated to speak at the September luncheon of the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon will occur in conjunction with the Annual Business Trade Fair, which is expected to have an attendance of over 1,000.

President and founder of LDTV, Inc, Doyle began her career in the newspaper industry, moving on to local, regional and national television. She has appeared on CNBC, QVC, FOX, and, most recently, CN8 as the host of "It's Your Call."

"The Power of the Media" luncheon will be held on Thursday, September 15th at noon at the Westin in Princeton Forrestal Village. Cost to attend the luncheon is $30 for Chamber of Commerce members and $40 for non-members. The Annual Business Trade Fair is free of charge. Guests must present a business card in order to be admitted. For reservations or more information, call (609) 924-1776 or go to www.princetonchamber.org.

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A NEW WAY OF GARDENING?: Borough resident Dorothy Mullen maintains her garden at the corner of Wilton Street and Patton Avenue not only as a resource for her family and neighbors, but as a means of fending off deer, who don't like the medicinal plantings along the periphery. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

Deer Herd Got Your Tomato Vine? This Gardener Has Some Sage Advice

The garden of earthly delights is, it turns out, right in the middle of a quiet residential portion of Princeton Borough.

And get this: wanton deer looking for a quick bite are repelled by the garden. They sniff, they may even prod, but there is at least one garden in Princeton that could be immune to town's still sizeable deer population.

"It's not an organized garden — and part of the chaos is the protection," said Dorothy Mullen, a Wilton Street resident who maintains a large garden on her property at the corner of Wilton and Patton Avenue that is shared by the entire neighborhood.

She fends off deer predators, not through "contraptions," "chemicals," or "all-natural cougar urine," but through the use of medicinal plantings on the periphery of the garden. Generally, Ms. Mullen said, deer will pass by plants that are "spiny, fuzzy, and smelly" and unappetizing.

In short, Ms. Mullen has some sage advice for all her fellow gardeners.

"Deer hate simple culinary basil, so we plant it all around the garden," she said, adding that mints, lavenders, garlic, chives, monarda, cleomes, and some rudebecklas are also successful in staving off the deer population, that, while a problem largely associated with the Township, has recently become identified with the Borough.

Initiatives like Ms. Mullen's offer Borough residents a way to take back their gardens without having to resort to a public safety-based deer-culling program like the Township's — and her plan has been working for the better part of five years.

In 2000, shortly after she purchased her property, Ms. Mullen cleared away what had been a dense forest of hemlock, replacing it with what has turned into a thriving garden that her neighbors have enjoyed as well.

"Last year, I would stop by here and snitch a handful of herbs," said resident Charlotte Lawson, who was encouraged to help herself to herbs — participating in a pruning process necessary to the growth of any garden.

"This is such a warm, friendly gesture," she said, as she made off with some ripe tomatoes.

"This happens all the time," Ms. Mullen said, adding that she has met a large contingent of her neighborhood through such chance encounters.

Besides, she added, she would rather have humans chomping basil leaves than deer uprooting the entire plant. When she first started the garden, Ms. Mullen said sunflowers, tomatoes, and green beans all would disappear in the early dawn hours when deer most frequently go looking for food. So, while some parts of the garden where the more vulnerable plantings lie are still surrounded by netting, the natural buffer of deer-repellent plantings supplies a certain level of protection.

"If you think of it in terms of damage reduction rather than having a perfect garden, that's the right attitude: I don't kill bugs, I don't trap rabbits, I don't do anything except companion plant.

"All life has value in the garden, and it's all next year's fertilizer."

Ms. Mullen puts her philosophy to use just a few blocks away at the Riverside Elementary School, where she teaches her instructional organic gardening K-5 classes. At the gardens she maintains at Riverside, she keeps rosebuds — a delicacy for wildlife — protected with a four-foot border of mint and tansy.

Of course, in addition to fending off pests, Ms. Mullen's garden is an exercise in self-sustainability. Organic gardening in the community, she said, benefits just about anyone who experiences it.

"It's like a living laboratory, and yes, it functions as a resource in the community." In fact, she keeps signs posted indicating that she will accept compost from neighbors including anything from egg shells to coffee grinds.

"The neighbors get into the spirit and make the contribution."

— Matthew Hersh

A COMMUNITY RESOURCE: Charlotte Lawson makes off with some tomatos from Dorothy Mullen's garden at Wilton Street and Patton Avenue. "I have neighbors stopping in all the time," Ms. Mullen said. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

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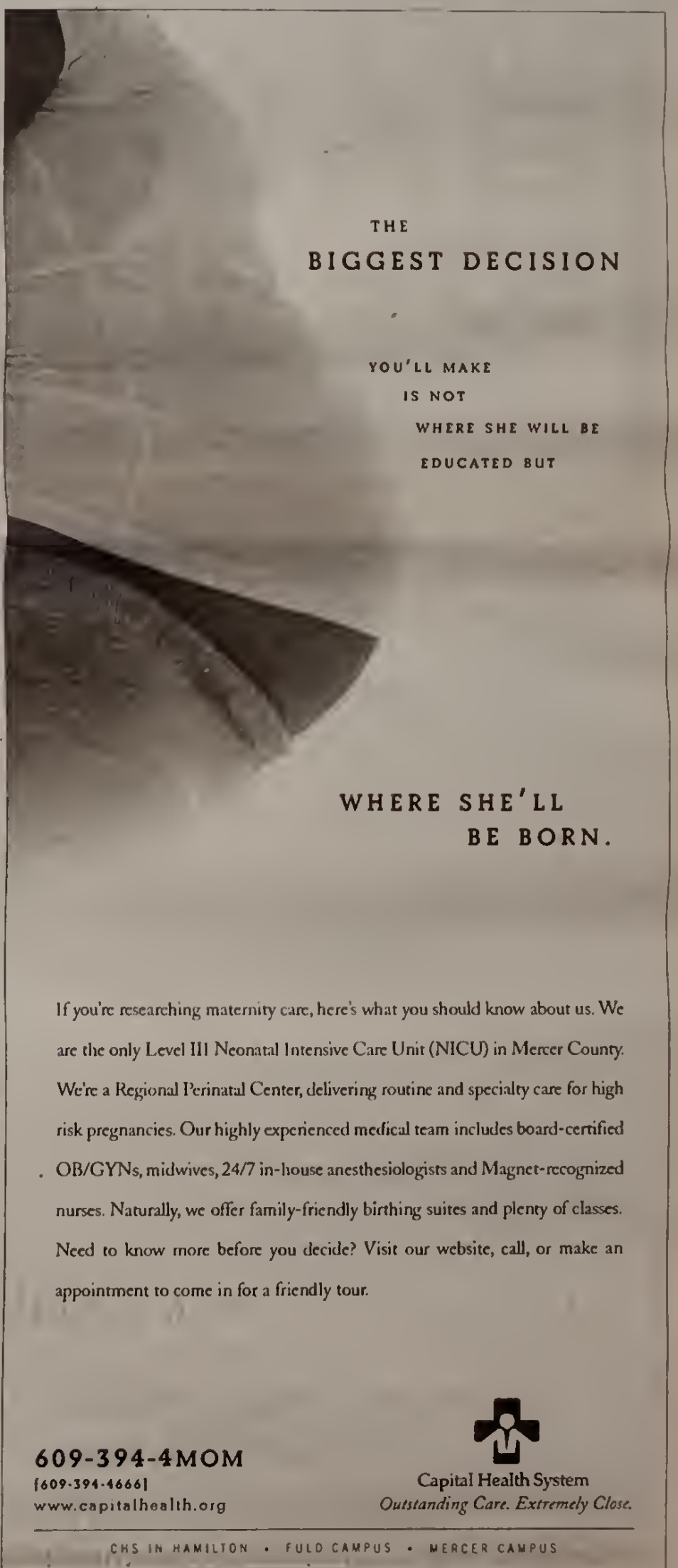

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A graduate of the Philadelphia Restaurant School and a New Jersey native, Mr. Robinson has been with the Terra Momo Group for the past twelve years, serving as chef at each restaurant. He has traveled extensively in Italy and South America, where the Terra Momo restaurants derive their culinary origin. As a recognized advocate for healthy chef-farmer relations, he works with the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA), the Farm to Table Program, the N.J. Dept. of Agriculture, and the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Program. He also travels to local farms, where he works closely with farmers to create weekly "Chef Tasting Menus," as well as seasonal menus featuring the freshest products. He considers it "an honor to work face-to-face with the cultivators who are up to their chins in dirt and mud, working to deliver this delicious food to us."

The menu for the reception features Pasture Raised Pork Albondigas with Sofrito Braise and Jersey Clam Crudo with Vegetable Escabeche. Featured on the menu for lunch are Olive Oil Braised Stuffed Calamari with Golden Raisins, Pine Nuts, and Micro Peppercress; Certified Organic and Grassfed Beef Canelloni with Swiss Chard, Parmigiano and Ragu of Baby Greens; and Griggstown Farm Petit Coq au Vin with Corn Timbale and Tomato Provencale.

The luncheon at James Beard House, which is located at 167 West 12 Street in Manhattan, begins at 12 noon and is $60 for members of the James Beard Foundation and $70 for non-members. Reservations can be made by calling the Foundation at (212) 627-2308. For more information, visit www.jamesbeard.org.

Six Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported six births to area residents during the week ending August 17.

Sons were born to Aarthi Jaganmohan and Suri Subramanian, Princeton, August 9; Erin and Andrew Cook, Lawrenceville, August 12; and Katharine and Hans-Juergen Schmidtke, Princeton, August 17.

Daughters were born to Tammy Eng-Palmer and Dr. Michael A. Palmer, West Windsor, August 9; Salma and Ashraf Khan, Princeton, August 13; and Sita Menon and Markus Loecher, Princeton Junction, August 16.

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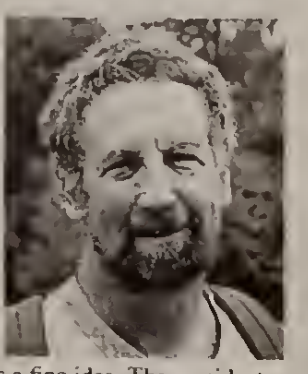
— Sally Davidson, Poe Road



"I think that it is a fine idea. The president needs to know that people are unhappy with his performance."

— Eric (Huck) Fairman, Mount Lucas Road

"I can't even imagine grieving for the death of my son, and if this is what she has to do, this is what she must do."

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"I want to join her. If my son were not going off to college, and were she still there, I would have jumped on a plane to join her. I wish that everyone would join her. We should not be in this war, and, thank God, she did it in the way she did."

— Susan Stein, Snowden Lane

"The president owed her a meeting because her son gave his life for our country. However, given that he already met her, I am not sure she is owed another."

— Chieni York, Grasmere Way

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As Summer Comes To A Close, Library Readies for Fall Programs

As the summer concludes with a well-attended season of programming at the Princeton Public Library, the Board of Trustees is beginning to look toward the fall line up.

Summer programming at the library brought out a total of 666 residents in July, according to report from Library Director Leslie Burger. In addition, as of the beginning of August, 1,337 children and teens were registered for the library's Summer Reading Club, with 113 already completing the program by the beginning of the month.

Some of the library's successful programs this summer included the Student Film and Video Festival, which was screened to a standing-room-only audience, the Harry Potter Trivia Contest, and the library's volunteer program, which brought out more than 100 teen volunteers to help this summer.

"We really have a great package of activities. People are starting to realize that we're the 'hub' of the community," said Library Board of Trustees President Nancy Russell at the board's meeting on Tuesday, August 16.

Along with several new programs this fall, the library will also begin offering downloadable audiobooks from NetLibrary and Recorded Books, which are digital versions of the latest best sellers, book club favorites, works of award-winning authors, and language-learning texts. The library's collection will consist of 857 downloadable MP3 audiobook files, which can be loaned for a period of 21 days.

Library patrons must establish a netlibrary account to download an MP3 book, and each book may be loaned out to multiple residents at the same time. While the audiobooks currently use Windows Media Player, and do not work with iPods or other Apple products, the library intends to offer an iPod-compatible product later this year.

In other news, the library is continuing to lay the groundwork to launch this fall's endowment campaign. The most recent figures show that approximately $3.9 million has been raised. The library's goal is to raise $8 million in gifts and pledges by March 2007, and reach its goal of $10 million by December 2009.

Fall Programs

Highlighting this fall's programs at the library will be the debut of the Christopher Reeve Lecture Series and the dedication of the Christopher Reeve Theater and Dramatic Arts Collection, to be held on November 18.

Bryan Singer, the director of *Superman Returns*, due in theaters in June 2006, will be the inaugural speaker for the lecture series, which is co-sponsored by the library and the Friends of the Library.

Mr. Singer, who graduated from West Windsor-Plainsboro High School, released his second feature-length film in 1995, *The Usual Suspects*, which won Academy Awards for Best Supporting Actor (Kevin Spacey) and Original Screenplay. Mr. Singer also directed the box office hit *X-Men*, as well as its sequel, *X2*.

Christie Todd Whitman, former governor and former administrator of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, will be visiting the library on September 27 to discuss and sign copies of her book, *It's My Party Too: The Battle for the Heart of the GOP and the Future of America*.

On October 28, The Friends of the Library will hold its annual benefit, which will bring a group of internationally-acclaimed writers to Nassau Presbyterian Church. Russell Banks, the author of *Affliction*, *The Sweet Hereafter*, and *Rule of the Bone*, will give a talk. Information on how to purchase tickets, which will help raise money for the library's collections and programming, can be found in Connections, the library's fall newsletter.

Other authors who will give talks this fall include Fred Jerome and Rodger Taylor, who will discuss *Einstein on Roce and Racism*, on September 18; and Peter Lawson-Johnston, who will give a talk on *Growing Up Guggenheim*, on November 9.

Residents will enjoy a visit from Walt Whitman on September 23, as part of the library's Unquiet Series. *Unlounch'd Voices*, a play written by Michael Kearney and performed by actor Stephen Collins, celebrates the poet on the 150th anniversary of the publication of *Leaves of Grass*.

This fall's McCarter Live at the Library series will include Tony Award-winning actor Ruben Santiago-Hudson's September 30 talk on McCarter's upcoming show, *Gem of the Ocean*. On December 7, the Princeton Writers' Block will perform one-act plays of 20th century masters such as Bertolt Brecht and Tennessee Williams.

As part of a national effort known as The September Project (www.theseptemberproject.org), the library will hold a September 20 forum on immigration, where immigration experts will discuss the ramifications of September 11th and their own immigration experiences.

Coming to the library this fall for children, the Kende Trio — three sisters who attend or have graduated from Princeton University — will perform an interactive musical concert on Sunday, September 25.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz will be reenacted through the use of furniture, houseplants, and everyday objects in the children's production of the play on November 10, which is geared toward children aged 5 to 10 years.

And on Saturday, November 12, singer-songwriter and Princeton High School graduate Joel Frankel will share songs from his latest CD for children, *Ship of Chocolate Chips*.

Friday Afternoon Action Day and Friday Night Live are two teen programs that will be held at the library on October 21 at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively, offering teens a substance-free environment for dancing, listening to and participating in performances, and enjoying refreshments.

More information on these and other programs coming this fall to the library can be found in Connections, the library's fall 2005 newsletter, which will be available to residents within the next week.

Information is also available by calling (609) 924-8822, or by visiting www.princetonlibrary.org.

— Candace Braun

NEW LECTURE SERIES: Film Director Bryan Singer will be the inaugural speaker for the Christopher Reeve Lecture Series and the dedication of the Christopher Reeve Theater and Dramatic Arts Collection, to be held on November 18 at the Princeton Public Library. Mr. Singer's film, "Superman Returns," comes out in June 2006.

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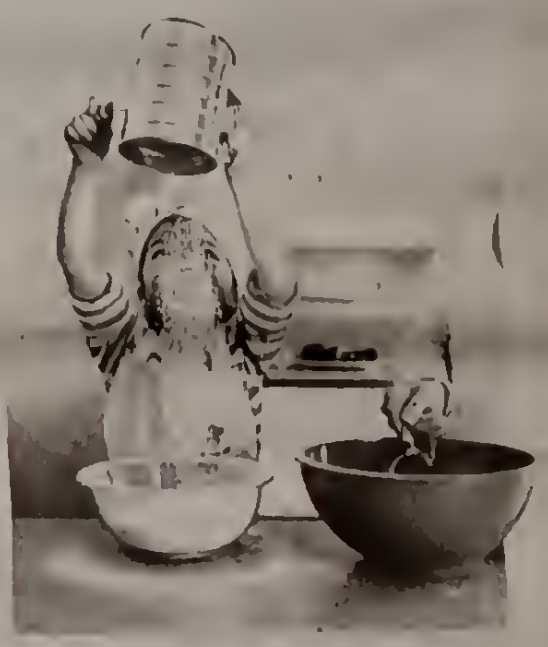

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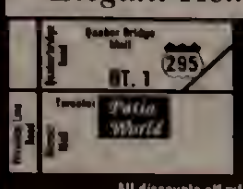

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Student Performance

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relationships between adults and students.

The reinstallation of homeroom will involve assigning approximately 20 students according to alphabetical order into a 12-minute class between second and third periods. Two faculty members will be assigned to each room, and will follow the students through their four years at PHS.

The homeroom provides an opportunity to go over students' questions, grade progress, and to assist those with special needs, such as finding a tutor for a certain class or subject.

"It won't address every student every day, but we want to reach each one over the course of 180 days," said Mr. Snyder, adding that guidance counselors will also use this time to speak to students.

Homeroom teachers will take attendance, go over the day's announcements, and distribute important information.

"That's the part most of us can remember being part of homeroom," said Mr. Snyder, adding that while homeroom is a routine part of the day in other school districts, PHS has not had one for several years.

Another aspect of SLC will be a motivational talk before the start of the second half of the school year, where students will be encouraged to set goals for the second semester. The talk will focus on second chances, and how to recover and get back on track, said Mr. Snyder.

Once spring sets in and graduating seniors begin to catch "senioritis," they will participate in a talk about why it is important to continue striving to do well in school, even if they have already been accepted to the college of their choice.

On early dismissal Wednesdays, groups of teachers will get together to study student data and discuss instructional strategies and how to improve students' overall performance.

A total of 23 out of the 36 Wednesdays during the school year will be early dismissal, said Mr. Snyder.

"A lot of the pieces are coming together," he said, adding that eventually the school is looking to use early dismissal Wednesdays for student programs as well, including community service and senior projects.

—Candace Braun

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Three Universities Abroad Honor Seminary President

Dr. Iain R. Torrance, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, was the honored speaker at the Baccalaureate Service marking the 50th anniversary of Haigazian University in Beirut, Lebanon, on June 26. He was also awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by both the University of Aberdeen and St. Andrews University in Scotland at their summer graduation ceremonies.

Preaching at Haigazian's Baccalaureate Service, Dr. Torrance called the Armenian institution "a beacon for hope and reconstruction in Lebanon as it stands at the threshold of a new stage in its history." The university was founded as a creative response to the genocide of Armenians in Turkey by those who had escaped, "carrying their vision and faith with them," he said.

Both Haigazian's founding president, Dr. John Markarian, and its current president, Dr. Paul Haidostian, are graduates of Princeton Seminary. "They both welcomed me warmly," said Dr. Torrance, "as Christian and Muslim students gave thanks together. I was honored to underscore the ties of friendship between our two institutions."

The University of St. Andrews conferred the Doctor of Divinity honoris causa on Dr. Torrance at graduation ceremonies on June 24. He was one of 13 figures from the worlds of science, literature, politics, and religion, including Nobel Prize-winning poet Seamus Heaney, to be so honored. In the laureate address presenting Dr. Torrance, who is himself a graduate of St. Andrews, Prof. Ronald Piper cited his "distinction as a scholar, a church leader, and an academic leader, being president of one of the most prestigious and important institutions in the world of theological scholarship." He said he looked for Dr. Torrance to "make further significant contributions to the world of theological scholarship."

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad reports the following activity from August 13 through August 19:

On Sunday, August 14, at 5:20 p.m., the Squad responded to Merwick Rehab facility for a vehicle that crashed into the building. The 80-year-old driver said she had lost control of her vehicle and struck the corner of the building head-on. The patient reported she was wearing her seatbelt, and only complained of some minor pain to the bridge of her nose. After evaluation, she refused transport to the hospital.

At 10 p.m. that night, the Squad responded for a motor vehicle collision on Terhune Road. According to reports, the driver of a minivan skidded out of control, hitting a large boulder located on the edge of a private property. Although the vehicle's airbags deployed and there was moderate damage to the front end, the driver reported only minor bruising to her knees and declined transport to the hospital.

On Monday, August 15, at 4:30 a.m., the Squad responded to Princeton House for a 56-year-old male who had cut his left forearm with a razor blade. According to reports, the deep, self-inflicted, four-inch laceration bled for four hours prior to being detected and bandaged by facility staff. The patient had lost approximately one liter of blood and was visibly pale upon examination.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad relies on volunteers to help fulfill its mission. For information on how to join, visit www.pfars.org, or call (609) 924-3338.

A Short Retirement Anticipated For 30-Year Senior Center Employee

Three decades ago, after finishing college and looking for a job, Sue Tillet walked into an occupation, as recent graduates often do, not really knowing what she was going to do.

She had no idea that what was meant to be a stopgap job answering phones at the then newly-founded Princeton Senior Resource Center would develop into a career assisting residents in need of additional care and attention.

As Ms. Tillet, 58, and blind from birth, adjusts to her recent retirement, she has come to think of her career not as an accident but as something she was meant to do.

"I started dealing with the people that came in and PSRC wanted me to go out and do some visiting and get to know people." That, however, was not so easy for Ms. Tillet. "I was sort of shy in those days."

"I didn't know who lived in which apartment and didn't feel comfortable just knocking on the door."

At its inception, PSRC largely oversaw Spruce Circle, and Ms. Tillet would accompany PSRC co-founder and former director, Jocelyn Helm, on visits to homes as rent checks were collected.

That "get-to-know-you" initiative slowly transformed into what would become her trademark at PSRC: the HomeFriends program. Ms. Tillet, along with HomeFriends director Barbara Prunell, launched the program as a friendly-visitor service by way of a United Way grant. It is now approaching its 20th year.

Geared for seniors and disabled people, the HomeFriends program was formed in response to a growing need for companionship and support for home-based elderly in Princeton and surrounding communities.

Around the same time, Princeton High School was running the former Youth Employment Service that oversaw a subsidized program called "CHORE," assigning students to the homes of seniors in the community to perform chores around the house and to run errands. When the Youth Employment Service program folded, organizers approached PSRC to see if they wanted to takeover CHORE.

The program was changed to Local Intergenerational Network of Kindness (LINK), which literally establishes a link between the CHORE program and the HomeFriends network: a support service that places high school students with elderly or disabled Princeton residents, with students visiting one to two hours each week.

Interestingly, the acronym "LINK" was established before it stood for anything. Ms. Tillet simply knew there was a link to be made between the programs, generations, and neighbors.

The program was slow getting off the ground, but with a starter fund of $3,000 and a list of 10 seniors and 10 students, LINK finally got the legs it needed to be successful.

"I called the students to see if everyone was going to hang in," Ms. Tillet said, worrying that volunteers might be hard to come by.

All but one student agreed to participate, and 11 years later, the program is still strong.

"They hung in, and they played by the new rules" — rules, Ms. Tillet said, that will continue to apply to a new administration now that she is retired.

Susan Hoskins, PSRC director is confident that Ms. Tillet's legacy will continue to ensure a quality service: "Sue built a great program, and one of the artforms is matching the interest of the volun-

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THREE DECADES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE: Sue Tillet, seen here with her seeing-eye dog Wonder, has retired from her post at Princeton Senior Resource Center after nearly three decades of helping the elderly and the disabled while establishing inter-generational bonds. Retirement will not last long, it seems, as she said she is ready to start working with the community once more.

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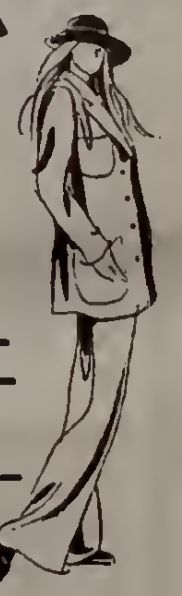

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CANDLES FOR CINDY: Tiger Square overflowed with support last Wednesday for Cindy Sheehan and her vigil outside President Bush's Crawford, Texas ranch. Shown with the banner (from left): Olivia Appiegate, Jesse Applegate, Heidi Applegate, Morgan Linsley (with sign), and Norman Glickman, all Township residents. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

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teer with the person visiting."

Humbled by her adeptness as a matchmaker, Ms. Tillet did say that it was a skill that she had to develop, adding that her role is overshadowed by the relationships established through the various programs.

"It's better than any recognition," she said.

However, after more than three decades caring for the community, Ms. Tillet is ready to take some time for herself, but expects to eventually get back to work in the so-called "selfless sector."

"I would like to run another small volunteer program, or be a companion to an elderly person," she said, adding that she would also like to initiate programs teaching children about disabilities; she mentioned the former Princeton Regional Schools handicapped awareness programs.

But for now, a break is in order, or at least it was.

"This morning, I started updating my resume; I guess I'm ready to start looking again."

— Matthew Hersh

Walkathon Proceeds To Benefit SIDS

The 9th Annual SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Walkathon will take place on Sunday, September 11 at the Mercer County Park in West Windsor. The walk is four miles long and begins at 9 a.m. but participants need to check in at 8:15 a.m.

All walkers are encouraged to collect their sponsors' donations in advance and mail them to: CJ Foundation for SIDS, The Don Imus Pediatric Center, Hackensack University Medical Center, 30 Prospect Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey, 07601.

For additional information or to register for the walkathon, call (800) 8CJ-SIDS, ext. 3 or visit www.cjsids.com.

The SIDS diagnosis is applied when a healthy baby dies quickly, without warning, and doctors cannot find a reason for the death. SIDS can happen to any family and is one of the major causes of death in babies from one month to one year of age.

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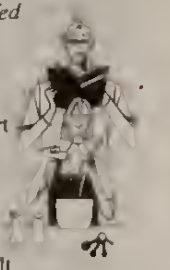

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Peel, seed, and coarsely grate the cucumbers. Place in a colander over the sink, sprinkle with salt, and let stand for 10 minutes to drain. Squeeze out extra liquid and transfer cucumber mixture to a bowl. Add yogurt, garlic, and mint. Mix well and season to taste. Cover and chill before serving.

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HERE THEY COME: Last Wednesday evening supporters of Cindy Sheehan marched up Nassau Street for a candlelight vigil at Tiger Square in support of Cindy Sheehan, mother of Army Specialist Casey Sheehan. Two marchers are holding boards displaying photos of soldiers killed in Iraq. The event, which began with showings of the documentary "Before You Enlist" at the Princeton Public Library, was organized by the Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Police Blotter

A Township man was arrested on August 18 on charges of unlawful possession and use of a firearm after a neighbor reported hearing shots fired from the man's backyard. When a police patrol responded, they interrogated Gennady Spirin, 20, of Stonewall Circle, who admitted to having fired blanks from his Walther 22-caliber handgun. When Township Sgt. Sean Reed then discovered bullet holes in a wooden swing in the yard, along with several spent 22-caliber casings, Mr. Spirin admitted to firing several rounds of live ammunition from the Walther handgun and another pistol. Both guns were taken into evidence in the process of the ensuing arrest. The accused man was released after posting ten percent of the $10,000 bail, pending a future court date.

A homeowner in the 100 block of Riverside Drive was the victim of vandalism on August 18 when an unknown perpetrator hurled a beer bottle through a pane of glass on his front door at approximately 11:30 p.m. When responding Township Police found no other signs of damage in the area, they surmised that the event was an isolated incident of criminal mischief. The cost to replace the glass in the victim's door was estimated at $2,000.

Two brothers, Darragh Dadgar, 24, and Arya Dadgar, 20, were arrested last week on Nassau Street on multiple charges of eluding police and hindering apprehension. According to Borough Police, the two men had fled from Ptl. Wayne Bender on August 14 when he attempted to stop their car after receiving complaints of their reckless driving and harassment of another driver. At the time, the two men hid in their Princeton-Kingston Road home and refused to speak to the officer. When arrested August 16, the brothers reportedly became unruly and combative at police headquarters, leading to several additional charges of disorderly conduct, obstructing justice, and throwing bodily fluids at an officer. The younger man was taken to the University Medical Center at Princeton for observation before being released with numerous summonses. His older brother was also released with summonses to appear in Borough Municipal Court on August 29.

A neighbor's noise complaint led to an arrest at 2:30 a.m. on August 21, after Borough Police discovered that the man suspected of being responsible for the noise, Bryant Ordonez, 24, of Nassau Street, was also wanted on a warrant from the Mercer County Sheriff's Department. After processing at Borough Police headquarters, Mr. Ordonez was turned over to the Mercer County Sheriff.

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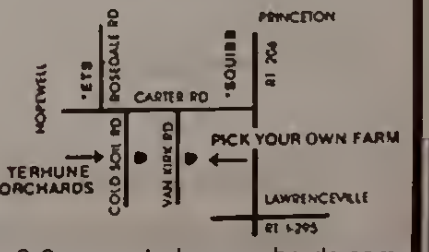

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A SHOPPING CENTER MOMENT: Princetonian Randy Harris prepares some flower arrangements for a birthday party at The Cafe in the Princeton Shopping Center. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 24

6:30 p.m.: Open House, Plainsboro chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); 5413 Quail Ridge Drive, Plainsboro.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: *The Wizard of Oz*; Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park. Also Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Thursday, August 25

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

Noon: "Beat the Heat" Movie Series for Seniors; Princeton Senior Resource Center, Suzanne Patterson Building. Free.

3 p.m.: Princeton Regional Schools Board of Education and Administrators Retreat; Valley Road Administration Building, Witherspoon Street.

6 p.m.: Robert Murdock Band (classic rock); Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

Friday, August 26

7 p.m.: American Girl Mystery Party; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1. To register, call (609) 897-9250.

7:30 p.m.: After Hours Courtyard Concert with Foxy Moon Baby; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: *Visiting Mr. Green*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Mike Marino, Gary Ewing, and Steve Trevelise; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Showroom, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 27

6 to 8 p.m.: "Music In The Park" Concert with Ron Kraemer and the Hurricanes; Mercer County Park, West Windsor. Free.

Sunday, August 28

9:30 a.m. to noon: Annual Prospective Member Open House; The Jewish Center of Princeton.

Noon to 3 p.m.: Open House at Princeton Dance and Theater Studio, Forrestal Village. Also Monday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Monday, August 29

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive; Frist Campus Center, Princeton University.

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

8 p.m.: Movies in the Plaza, *Casablanca*; Mediterra Restaurant & Bar, 29 Hulfish Street. Free.

Friday, September 2

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive; Mercer County Community Donor Center, 707 Alexander Road. Also Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Visiting Mr. Green*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Aug. 24 – Wednesday, Aug. 31

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108.
SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER (SRC) at Spruce Circle (SC) off Harrison St.
Suzanne Patterson Bldg (SPB); Redding Circle (RC); Borough Hall (BH);
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Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108.

Wednesday, August 24:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, August 25:
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC.
1:00 p.m. Movie "Eternal Sunshine" & Munchies; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Art Studio; SPB.

Friday, August 26:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.

Monday, August 29:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, August 30:
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, August 31:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

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BOOKS

University's Library Obtains Scientist's Works

The papers of Russian-born American scientist and author Immanuel Velikovsky have a new home in the Princeton University Library. His daughter, Ruth Sharon of Princeton, has donated the papers for use by researchers.

Velikovsky, who lived from 1895 to 1979, is best known as the author of a number of controversial books, primarily arguing that ancient myths, legends, and accounts of catastrophic events related in the Bible and other texts have a basis in fact.

Velikovsky earned his M.D. degree from the University of Moscow in 1921 and lived in the 1920s and 1930s with his family in Palestine, where he pursued a specialization in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy. He moved to the United States in 1939 and began his research on the history of Egypt, Greece, and the Jewish past. He lived first in New York City, and later in Princeton.

Velikovsky is the author of *Worlds in Collision* (1950), *Ages in Choos* (1952), *Eorth in Upheavol* (1955), *Oedipus ond Akhnaton* (1960), *Ramses II and His Time* (1978), *Peoples of the Seo* (1977), and other controversial studies of ancient Egypt, Greece, and Biblical history.

"Decades of bitter debate resulted from his controversial theories about cosmological catastrophes, particularly in regard to the planet Venus, and his interpretation of historical, geological and paleontological evidence," said Don Skemer, curator of manuscripts in the library's Department of Rare Books and Special Collections.

Harlow Shapley, Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin, Carl Sagan, and other members of the American scientific establishment were among Velikovsky's critics. The controversies over Velikovsky and publication of his work have been the subject of several books, including Alfred De Grazia's *The Velikovsky Affoir: The Worfore of Science ond Scientism* (1966), and Donald Goldsmith's *Scientists Confront Velikovsky* (1977).

The Immanuel Velikovsky Papers comprise 156 boxes of published and unpublished manuscripts and drafts, subject files, lectures, personal and professional correspondence, and legal documents dating from the 1920s to the 1990s. The collection includes his extensive correspondence with Horace Kallen, Ted Thackrey, and other friends, as well as selected letters from Albert Einstein, Helen Dukas, Sigmund Freud, Carl Jung, Eugen Bleuler, Chaim Weizmann, Harold Urey, and other scientists and academicians.

His papers also contain extensive correspondence with publishers and readers. Among Velikovsky's manuscripts are selected typescript essays annotated by Einstein, which later became chapters in Velikovsky's posthumously published book, *Storgazers ond Gravediggers: Memoirs to Worlds in Collision* (1983).

The Immanuel Velikovsky Papers are available for research use in the library's manuscripts division in the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections. An online description of the papers is available. For more information, visit www.princeton.edu.

Entrepreneur Shares Writing Tips in New Book

Good writing is important. Whether you're in school, navigating your first job, teaching, or enjoying success as a seasoned pro, communicating clearly is key.

Lawrenceville resident Roger A. Shapiro knows great writing impacts what people buy, how they behave and how they form opinions. He has made a career out of not only writing well, but teaching others to do the same.

His first book, *Write Right: 26 Tips to Improve Your Writing Dromoticolly*, gives readers access to his "tip jar," a sampling of the secrets he developed to achieve success as a marketing communications writer.

"I wrote this book because I believe it can make a difference to people, no matter what work they do," said Mr. Shapiro. "Even if you pick it up and only use one tip, *Write Right* will still improve your writing."

According to Mr. Shapiro, everyone benefits from communicating better, from those just out of college and in their first jobs, to college students looking to impress professors and improve their grades.

"They can develop writing skills that will help them land that first job and establish their young careers. Even experienced marketing, public relations, and advertising executives can gain something by sharpening their skills with the tips in *Write Right*."

As a part-time instructor at Mercer County Community College, Mr. Shapiro teaches an accelerated course in writing. During a two-week intensive program, he demonstrates the impact these 26 tips can have on a copywriter's career.

But *Write Right* extends far beyond the college classroom. In the book, Mr. Shapiro tells an anecdote of a seasoned, talented, and published writer with whom he worked who didn't understand the impact active voice had on promotional writing.

"People who have been in the field for years often lose the 'book learning' we all gained in college," he noted.

Mr. Shapiro is the founder and president of Mitchell Rose, a communications consultant in Lawrenceville. He mined his portfolio and three decades of experience as a journalist, publicist, marketeer, and copywriter to develop *Write Right*. He holds degrees in public relations and journalism from Utica College, and serves on the Utica College National Alumni Council.

Literary Slam to Be Held At Plainsboro Library

As part of the Tenth Annual Festival of the Arts, the Plainsboro Public Library will be hosting a Literary Slam on Saturday, September 17, in the Plainsboro Public Library's community room.

A literary slam is a public literary contest, where writers pay a small entry fee, read their works, are judged by a panel of fellow artists, (with loud support from the audience), and win cash prizes for their efforts.

Judges will award prizes in three categories: Elementary/middle school; high school; and beyond high school. Prose and poetry are both welcomed, and the length will be strictly limited to 750 words or less. Top winners will receive half the total prize money for their age category, with the remaining portion going to Library literary programs and publications.

In person registration for all must be made by 3 p.m. sharp on September 17. The entry fee is $2 for students in elementary through high school, and $5 for all others.

The Plainsboro Public Library is located in the Plainsboro Municipal Complex, at 641 Plainsboro Road. For more information, call Jinny Baeckler at (609) 275-2897, or email baeckler @lmxac.org.

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MAILBOX

126203

Office Holders Are Asked to Respond To "Alarming" Tax Increase Projection

To the Editor:

Concerning the continuing tax increases in the Borough and Township addressed by a concerned property owner two weeks ago and published in Town Topics, I was really surprised not to see any responses to his letter from homeowners.

Now, Mr. Avinash Dixit has presented a rather alarming scenario on our projected tax increases (Town Topics, August 17), as he sees it as a University economist.

How do our elected officials respond to Mr. Dixit's projections? I hope they will let us hear from them with their realistic and honest answers.

PATRICIA D. TAPPAN
Linden Lane

126204

Responsible Zoning at Hospital Site Requires Minimizing Area's Density

To the Editor:

I recently attended the latest meeting of the Princeton Regional Planning Board Master Plan Subcommittee which is drafting an amendment to the Master Plan to address reuse of the Medical Center's Witherspoon Street campus. I commend the Board for providing an open and accessible forum for discussion, and appreciate the time and effort of all parties involved in the planning process.

Based on community input, the Board is formulating guidelines for important site parameters such as maximum total square footage of buildings, percentage of affordable housing and age-restricted units, and amount of open space. While maintaining a fair mix, I believe the overall density of the site should be kept to a minimum to the benefit of both sides of Witherspoon Street.

Potential developers will argue that higher density will mean more tax revenue. However, the draft amendment appropriately calls for "primarily residential uses." More housing means a heavier burden on our schools, and with high density the term "ratables chase" comes to mind.

The hospital, the eventual seller of the land, will argue that they have a right to maximize the value of their asset, and that the value will be diminished if we minimize the allowable density. I am not a planning expert, and I have no first-hand knowledge of pre-hospital planning debates, but I assume the community allowed high-density buildings to be built on that site, surrounded by neighborhoods with much lower density, precisely because they were associated with a hospital.

The draft Master Plan amendment states, "Currently, the Princeton Medical Center's Witherspoon Street campus is zoned HMC in the Borough and H-2 in the Township. These zones only permit medical uses and accessory uses associated with the hospital." Do you think such high-density zoning would have been tolerated by the community if the original concept was for high-rise apartment buildings? I don't. The hospital has no inherent right to guarantee potential buyers of that land that they can build residential units at the current density. That is determined by zoning, which is guided by planning, which can be influenced by you and me. Let's minimize the density of the hospital site.

126205

DAVID HANDELMAN
Moore Street

Unneeded Plaza Construction Fences Block Entrance to Spring Street Store

To the Editor:

For more than two years I have waited patiently for my store's entrance facing the Princeton Public Library to be reopened. That should have occurred months ago, when the Plaza became open to pedestrians. However, the developer, Nassau HKT, continues to block my store with unneeded construction fences. The Borough administrator and Council say it's HKT's responsibility and his excuse is liability; neither seems to have concerns of liability when it comes to exposing the public to an active construction site of a restaurant, apartments, and stores. The fences should be moved in front of those construction sites, not blocking my business because they have nowhere else to stow them. After repeated requests for assistance from the Borough administrator and Borough Council I just keep hearing them sympathize, but it's up to the developer. Both say they are committed to helping small businesses stay in Princeton but seem to have no clout with their developer.

If I were a corporate chain my customers would have had temporary access to the Plaza months ago. I am asking the Princeton community that I have been supportive of for the last 12 years to urge HKT to do the right thing and give Shop The World back its access before the summer is over. Be fair to Princeton's original fair trade store.

JILL CARPE
Shop The World
Spring Street

126206

War Protester at Palmer Square Vigil Also Protests Treatment by Police

To the Editor:

On Wednesday evening, August 17, my wife and I took part in a vigil on Palmer Square to support Cindy Sheehan, the mother of a soldier killed in Iraq, who is camping outside the Bush ranch in Texas demanding an audience with the President. The vigil began with people on both sides of Nassau Street holding candles in silent commemoration of all those who have lost their lives in the war; neither vehicular nor pedestrian traffic was blocked. Shortly after we arrived, we were told by police officers that we had to move to the Palmer Square side of the street, which we did, along with about 75 others. We sat down on a granite wall behind the kiosk facing the Square. The police officers then told us that we were only allowed in Palmer Square itself (standing room only), because that was what the demonstration permit sanctioned. We refused to leave, and explained that we were just sitting there, not blocking the walkway, and happened to be holding candles.

It appears that "free speech zones" have arrived in Princeton.

My family has had two members serve in Iraq. One sister's eldest son has just returned from Baghdad after being drafted out of the reserves; another sister's eldest daughter is stationed in Tikrit. I am furious with Princeton's complicity in the Bush Administration's policy of ignoring their sacrifice, pretending that we are not at war and that we must isolate those who question what this country is doing.

The next time I attend a vigil or demonstration in downtown Princeton I intend to stand on either side of Nassau Street.

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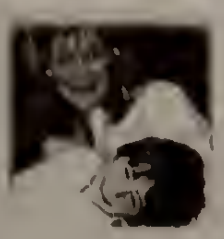
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126207

Holt Speaks at NAMI Mercer On Mental Health Coverage

In an August 16 speech to members of NAMI Mercer, U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (D -12) suggested that progress toward parity in mental health coverage had stalled after the death of Senator Paul Wellstone. "Few people have his passion and drive," he told 45 members of the Mercer County affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. The speech took place at the Mercer NAMI Center in Lawrenceville.

"We should be talking about the whole human," Mr. Holt said, adding that better health care for everyone would lead to stronger families and more engaged citizens. "We want complete health coverage, mandated by law. Through laws you cannot constrain the heart, but you can restrain the heartless." He also noted that manufacturers are finding that poor health coverage affects the quality of the work force. "It's cheaper to manufacture in Canada, where the government provides universal health care."

Mr. Holt assured his audience, "With Governor Cody in place, we have better acceptance and less stigma in New Jersey than in other states. We don't yet have good public understanding, but we can eliminate stigma...People with mental illness are getting closer to being understood by their neighbors in the community."

NAMI Mercer is located at 3371 Brunswick Pike, Suite 124, in Lawrenceville. For further information, call (609) 799-8994 or email home @namimercer.org.

Wings of Freedom Tour In Trenton This Weekend

The Wings of Freedom Tour of World War II Boeing B-17 Flying "Nine O Nine" and Consolidated B-24 Liberator "Witchcraft," both vintage 1944 heavy bomber aircraft, will fly into Trenton Mercer Airport for a visit from Friday, August 26 to Sunday, August 28.

The B-17 is one of only 11 in flying condition in the United States, and the B-24 is the only one in the world that flies and one of only a handful on display at museums.

Visitors are invited to explore both aircraft, inside and out. An $8 donation for adults and $4 for children under 12 is requested for access to close-up viewing and tours through the inside of the aircraft. Visitors may also experience the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to actually take a 30-minute flight aboard these rare aircraft. Flight experiences cost a tax-deductible donation of $400 per person, per flight. For reservations and information on flight experiences, call (800) 568-8924.

The Wings of Freedom Tour will arrive at Trenton Mercer Airport at 3 p.m. on August 26 and will be on display at Ronson Aviation. Hours of ground tours and display are 3 p.m. through 6 p.m. on Friday; 9 a.m. through 6 p.m. on Saturday; and 9 a.m. through 6 p.m.. on Sunday. The 30-minute flight experiences are normally scheduled before and after the ground tour times.

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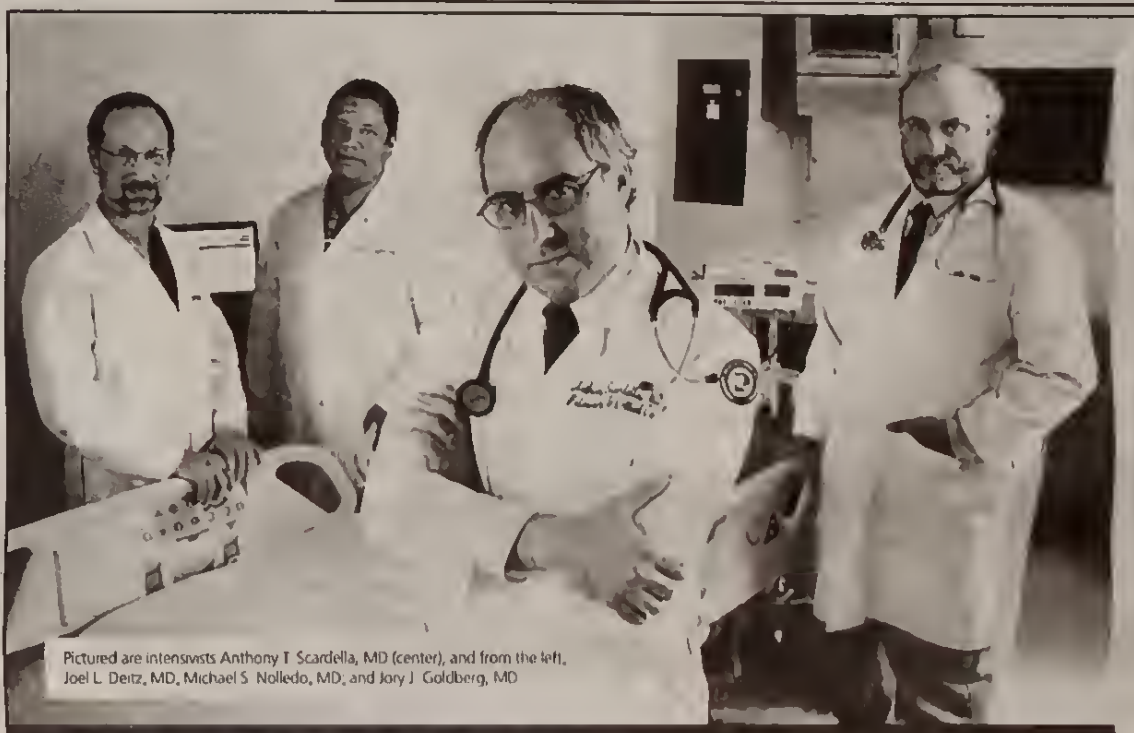

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ART REVIEW

New York City

A Day in Manhattan: There's No Comparison

Remember the first time you saw the Manhattan skyline without the twin towers? For drivers on the Newark Bay Extension approaching the Holland Tunnel exit of the Turnpike, the effect was particularly shocking. It seemed another city, even to people who preferred the view before there was a World Trade Center. Without losing sight of the human tragedy of September 11 (not to mention the ongoing tragedy of the catastrophic aftershocks), some of us eventually began to think New York looked more like itself again. Before 9/11, the towers had seemed too large and too impersonal; they upset the balance of the skyline. But once the former balance had been restored you could feel for the fallen towers as you never had when they were standing; the loss of life had humanized them, given them their own character and poignance, so that images of them, like the one on a Chock Full O' Nuts label, acquired a kind of melancholy charisma.

In the spring of 2002 drivers following the same Holland Tunnel approach saw a new tower swiftly, improbably establishing itself in the altered skyline. If you hadn't known better, your first thought might have been that somehow the masterbuilders of the city had already defiantly erected the first of another pair of towers. The new structure looked big and impersonal enough and it seemed remarkably close to the site everyone by then knew as Ground Zero. Again, you may have found yourself comparing before and after, past and present. The skyline was like a work in progress. What makes it appropriate to a review focused on comparisons is that the new addition, the Goldman Sachs tower, wasn't even in Manhattan. It was in Jersey City. This intrusion of good old New Jersey on the image of the metropolis bears out the belief some of us share that in terms of look and spirit and energy, Manhattan is a New Jersey town. Compare us with Manhattan, you're talking about two of a kind; compare New York State with Manhattan and it's like apples and oranges.

Destination MOMA

Comparing the skylines before and after September 11 is one way to approach the Cézanne-Pissarro exhibit currently at the newly expanded Museum of Modern Art, where crowds of visitors have been busy making comparative assessments among a dizzying assortment of paired paintings displayed side by side.

For a start, you can compare ways to get there, the obvious choice being the train — except that Jersey Transit just hiked the fares, parking is a problem, and Penn Station is some 20 blocks south of the museum.

The bus? Does anyone still ride the bus? Between Palmer Square and East Brunswick it seems to stop as often as a schoolbus picking up or dropping off kids, but it still gets you to midtown in under an hour and a half, it's much cheaper, the seats are more comfortable, with more leg room, and you can park in the shopping center, or just hop on enroute as we did after driving to Kendall Park and parking free in a big lot adjacent to a sheltered bus stop.

Compare Manhattan-bound busses and trains and you're talking about two different aesthetic experiences. On the train you see every track-side backyard and back alley and back street between Princeton Junction and Penn Station. The shabbier aspects of urban New Jersey may not be pretty, but any painter or student of painting will probably find more visual excitement in the flow of complexly detailed decreptitude than they would on the bus, which gives you an eyeful of Route 27 and New Brunswick; once you hit the turnpike, however, you might as well be flying in to Port Authority on a 747. On the train you get a mix of styles, Ash Can school to abstract expressionist, Reginald Marsh and Jackson Pollock, thus further encouraging the impression that Manhattan evolves out of New Jersey rather than New York. On the bus, which is less like a 747 if you have a window seat, you could compare the view to a photorealism show with lots of fuming oil refineries, close-up shots of chrome, wheel bases, hood ornaments, and logos of juggernaut diesels.

NEWSPAPER DAYS IN OLD NEW YORK: The woman on the bench gives you a sense of the scale of the Edward Laning murals on the third floor of the New York Public Library. This one shows Ottmar Mergenthaler and his typemaking machine as Whitelaw Reid of the New York Tribune studies the results of mechanical typesetting.

The most significant advantage of bussing in if you're headed to MOMA is the location. 30th and Eighth Avenue may be only ten blocks south, but from Port Authority, all you have to do is walk east on 40th and in a few minutes you're at Bryant Park having lunch outdoors with sandwiches from the 'Wichcraft kiosk (there's also a kiosk for ice cream); if you can afford it, you could dine more expensively, but besides helping offset the $20 museum admission, eating in the park is so — New York. You can get your eyes in shape for the exhibit by watching sparrows, squirrels, chipmunks (I think I saw one) and, most of all, people. Ask photographers who can't get enough of New York where the art is and they'll say in the people, but probably not before reminding you that all you have to do is look up at almost any building on any street and you'll see art in the form of tiles or mosaics or carvings. From a bench right there in Bryant Park you can see a wonderful old skyscraper right out of Batman's Gotham, the American Standard Building with its burnt-sienna Gothic tower and gold terra-cotta trim: the first Manhattan skyscraper to be declared a landmark.

Still, people-watching has to be one of the supreme pleasures of New York. On and on they come, passing before you, displaying this or that element of male or female beauty, or attitude, or personal style, or simple outright quirkiness because people in the city, including people from Jersey, somehow know they are part of the show. New York brings out the closeted actor in all of us, and we become, for a day at least, characters in the city's story.

To experience the elegance of old New York, all you have to do is go into the New York Public Library, the Beaux Arts masterpiece that Bryant Park adjoins. Here is one of the great essential Manhattan spaces, comparable to the concourse at Grand Central, with marble stairways and spacious walls that seem to give off a mellow light. On the third floor, outside the Main Reading Room, you find yourself gazing up at the massive group of murals by Edward Laning depicting the story of the recorded word. On the ceiling of the rotunda Prometheus is stealing the fire of the gods against a blue-sky vision of pagan heaven. Looming below are four immense panels showing the progress of the word: first Moses on Mt. Sinai about to heave the Ten Commandments at us; then a monk copying a manuscript while evil rages in the world outside the monastery; then Gutenberg displaying a proof sheet of his bible; and finally, the twentieth century, Mergenthaler and his linotype machine, the editor of the New York Tribune holding the page he's just printed while a newspaper boy sells papers in the street.

Eleven blocks up Fifth Avenue at MOMA, the contrast is enormous. No surprise. You just changed centuries, going from a hush to a civilized roar in a space that, while it looks and feels and sounds many times larger than the library's dignified interior, actually seems asthetically smaller. At the same time, you inevitably find yourself comparing the expanded, renovated museum with its predecessor. In Princeton you probably had the same reaction when you first walked into the new library. There is no doubt that the new MOMA is an impressive and necessary spatial improvement on its former site, but riding the escalators up and up and up to the 6th floor, it's hard to dismiss the notion that you're in the most exalted of malls, the epitome, the great mall of art. Once inside the brilliantly arranged exhibit, however, the Mall analogy becomes irrelevant. Nothing matters but Cézanne and Pissarro and all the people talking, comparing, judging, responding. "I don't want any of your spiritual values," I heard one woman say. "I just want a pair of glasses that work." Good thought, because this is a show where you feel like putting your nose in the art. Watch people watching and it's like a tennis match: back and forth from Cézanne to Pissarro. But watch long enough and you'll notice people spending more time in front of the Cézannes. The heads might move once or twice but then the match is over. It's all Cézanne. Maybe you thought you might be out in time to do something else downtown. Cézanne makes you adjust your priorities. As others have noted, Pissarro's most significant contribution here, as fine as his work may be, is to make us appreciate the greatness of Cézanne. Thanks to the dynamic of comparison, Pissarro becomes a light illuminating his friend's mastery. Spend half a minute in front of a Pissarro landscape and you get it all, at least you think you do. Move to Cézanne applying himself to a similar scene, and you find yourself still standing in front of it five minutes later. Someone has to tug your arm to get you moving again, and even when you do move away, you know you still don't have it; it's still working, still mysterious. A man standing next to me staring at the same Cézanne spoke to me (something that rarely happens, one stranger to another). "It starts to come apart the more I look at it," he said. He was right. The Cézannes seem to be in flux, composed of moving parts, coming to life before our eyes the way characters come to life in a great novel.

The two paintings that held me the longest were both later works, *Pines and Rocks* from 1897 and *Forest (Sous-Bois)* from 1894, which was the painting it was the hardest to leave. Wherever this forest was, you felt that no one had ever been there before. I don't remember which of the Pissarros it was paired with, but, as the saying goes, there was no comparison.

After the exhibit, it was pleasant strolling around the new sculpture garden, but, like everything at MOMA, the ice cream they were selling was expensive. A few blocks south at Rockefeller Center, on the south side of the plaza, they have installed a small grassy area of picnic tables where you can enjoy the iced coffee or iced tea you bought next door at Dean and Delucca and think how great New York is: next to most other cities on the planet, there's no comparison.

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"REFLECTIONS": This painting, created in 1935 by Ray Wilcox, is currently on exhibit at the Pedersen Gallery, through September 11. The exhibit, "Painters of the Jersey Shore, 1880-1950," is the gallery's attempt to prove that New Jersey is not a region without art, as it displays works from several artists that were based on the Jersey Shore, but often did not exhibit within their own state. The Pedersen Gallery is located on Union Street in Lambertville. The gallery is open Saturday and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, call (609) 397-1332.

Princeton Architect Celebrates 20 Years Of the "Red Bird" Kettle

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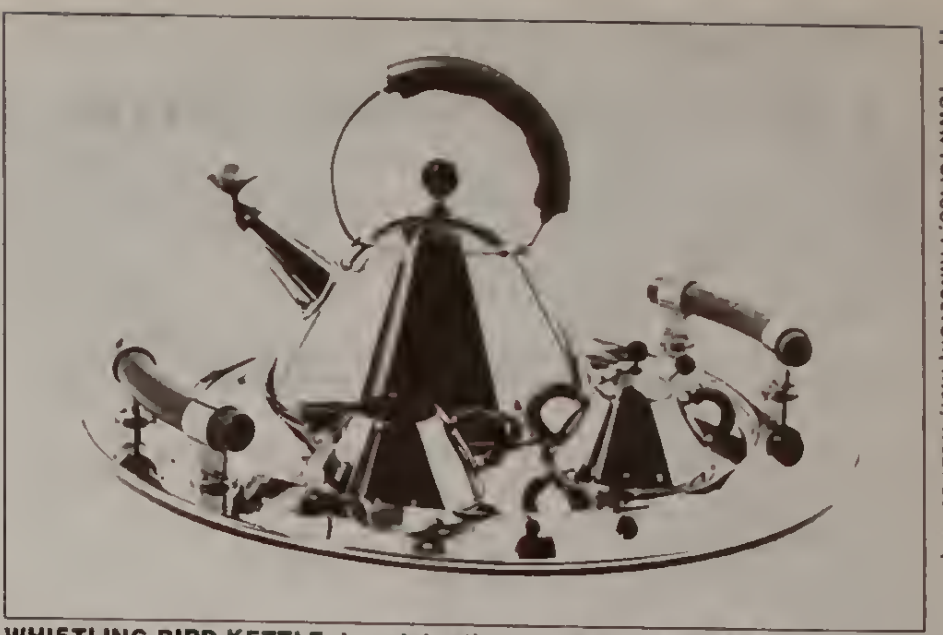
In celebration of the anniversary, Graves and Alessi have developed a limited edition of the kettle, called the Jubilee Kettle, along with special editions of other items from the "Graves family" collection. The Jubilee Kettle is a numbered, special edition that features a stamp of the 1985-2005 anniversary, along with a color-redesign that replaces the blue of the original handle with dark red. The kettle is packaged with two bird-shaped whistles, one transparent and one in dark red.

Other products from the "Graves family" collection that are part of this limited edition re-release include an electric version of the kettle, a sugar bowl and spoon, a creamer, round tray, pepper mill, and salt caster. All objects are made of 18/10 stainless steel and are contained in special edition boxes. The Jubilee edition of the Graves kettle will be exclusively available in Chelsea Passage at Barneys New York through September 1.

Graves attributes the iconic status and lasting appeal of the Alessi kettle to "consumers at once understanding its value as a functional object with a design twist, a personality." He said, "Our design approach is to encourage the impression the products are familiar and at the same time make them seen in new or different ways."



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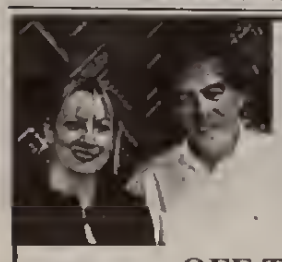

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Residents David and Delia Drake left behind a large home and property in Skillman to find new freedom at Stonebridge. They stroll morning and evening along Stonebridge's walking paths, enjoying the exercise and countryside views of the surrounding 160 acres of rural preserved open space. The best part: there is not a single worry about pruning, mowing, watering or raking leaves.

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David and Delia Drake

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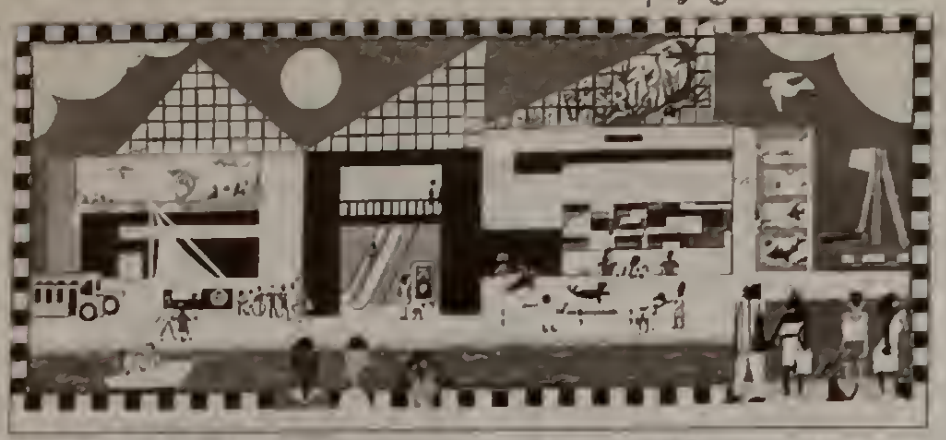

BALTIMORE AQUARIUM: This colorful lithograph of the Baltimore Aquarium was created by Tom Miller, and is currently on display at Princeton's Williams Gallery. The exhibit, "Summer Salon Show: Surfing the International Print World, #5," is on display through August 28. The gallery can be viewed by appointment only, Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call (609) 921-1142, or email wmgallery @aol.com.

ArtCycle to Raise Funds For Michener Programs

The third annual ArtCycle event to raise money for the James A. Michener Art Museum's educational programs will take place on Sunday, September 11.

This event continues to grow, with more riders participating in the scenic ride through the Bucks County countryside every year to raise money for the museum and its educational programs. This year the museum's Web site offers a fast and easy way to register and to raise funds, at www.michenerartmuseum.org.

ArtCycle 2005 begins at the Bucks County Free Library at 150 South Pine St. in Doylestown, Pa., and takes riders through the surrounding countryside, with rides of varying lengths to accommodate riders of all experience levels. The ride ends at the Michener Art Museum with a post-celebration party including great food and music in the Patricia D. Pfundt Sculpture Garden. The galleries will be open and free for riders to enjoy.

The cost to register for the 20, 38, and 63-mile rides is $25 before September 9, at noon, and $30 the day of the ride. (Registration opens at 7 a.m. on September 11). Riders who want to register on the day of the event need to arrive at least a half hour before their ride begins. The 63-mile ride begins at 8 a.m., the 38-mile ride starts at 8:30 a.m. and the 20-mile ride begins at 9 a.m.

This year the museum is encouraging online donations for those who aren't participating in the event, but who wish to make a contribution to ArtCycle 2005. Donations can be made and can be attributed to any rider. For more information, to make an online donation, or to register for ArtCycle 2005, visit www.michenerartmuseum.org, or call (215) 340-9800, ext. 250.

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Thanks to the generosity of the sponsors, ArtCycle 2005 will feature: free long sleeved T-shirts for the first 300 riders to register, fully catered rest stops, sag wagons to pick up disabled bikes or bikers, free bike checkups, and free neck massages.

ArtCycle is going strong in its third year because it offers bike enthusiasts an opportunity to enjoy the picturesque landscapes of Bucks County, while supporting the Michener Art Museum.

"The 65-mile Michener Museum ride was the best bike ride I've been on," said Joseph Shopa, one of last year's riders. "The mileage was short, but with enough hills to make it challenging, and I was glad it didn't take all day. It was one of the best supported and organized rides I've ever been on."

The James A Michener Art Museum is located at 138 South Pine St., Doylestown, Pa., and at 500 Union Square Drive in New Hope, Pa. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The galleries are open Wednesdays until 9 p.m., and closed on Mondays.

Members and children under the age of six are free; general admission is $6.50; students (with current ID) are $4, and senior citizens age 60 and older are $6.

Volunteers Are Needed At Hunterdon Museum

The Hunterdon Museum of Art is looking for volunteers to gallery-sit for the two current exhibition that will run through October 16.

The exhibit features the Artist Book Exhibition, which shows the design and details of a book as a work of art, as well as "Portraits of Amelia," Robin Schwartz's images of her daughter in fantasy settings that combine art with animals and motherhood.

The museum needs gallery sitters from Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Interested volunteers can work as many hours as they like on any of these days.

If interested, contact Sue Barto, volunteer coordinator, at volunteers@hunterdonmuseumofart.org, or call the museum at (908) 736-8415.

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"POLKA DOT BIKINI": This photograph, taken by Emily Reeves of Princeton, is on display at the Montgomery Center for the Arts through September 11. The Center is exhibiting photos from the Princeton Photography Club's artists. Founded in 1983, the Princeton Photography Club is a group of local professional and amateur photographers interested in art education and growth. The Montgomery Center for the Arts is located at 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m and Sunday 1-4 p.m. For additional information, call (609) 921-3272, or visit www.montgomerycentertorthearts.com.

Mudd Library Exhibit Commemorates 1945

A new exhibition at the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library, "1945: A World United and Divided," highlights the epochal year that marked the end of World War II and the establishment of the United Nations.

Running through January 31, 2006, the exhibition includes documents, letters, diaries, photographs and other items drawn from the Mudd Library's public policy collections and the University archives. It showcases memorabilia from people and organizations with significant roles in either World War II or the beginning of the United Nations, or both.

"1945" features materials from numerous Princeton alumni, illuminating their endeavors during this historic period: James Forrestal '15, who served as secretary of the Navy from 1944 to 1947 and earned great respect for his instrumental role in helping to win World War II; John Foster Dulles '08, Adlai Stevenson '22, and Hamilton Fish Armstrong '16, who played a role in the organization of the United Nations; Jacob Beam '29, who served as third secretary to the embassy in Berlin and collected the embassy's first data on the Nazi movement; and Robert Chaplin '16, who served as the first group commander for the 116th Antiaircraft Artillery Group.

Documents, photographs and pamphlets also illustrate the efforts of groups formed during World War II. While the war divided the world, many Americans united in response to the President's War Relief Control Board request for assistance. Groups formed a coalition called the National War Fund to solicit money for the benefit of war victims across the world, both during and after the war. They believed the American principle that "in union there is strength."

That belief carried over to an organization called "Americans United for World Organization." Before the war ended, groups such as the United Nations Association, Citizens for Victory, the American Free World Association, Catholic Association for International Peace and Committee for National Morale joined forces to convince leaders of the necessity for a world organization to promote peace, security and freedom throughout the world.

"AMELIA AND AMELIA": This photograph, along with several others taken by Robin Schwartz of her daughter, Amelia, are on display at the Hunterdon Museum of Art through October 14. The artist's photographs are collaborative works of her different interests: art, animals, and motherhood. The Hunterdon Museum, which is located in Clinton, is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Suggested admission is $3. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

The work of such groups supported political leaders in creating the United Nations. In 1942, Franklin Roosevelt first used the phrase "United Nations" to denote the Allied countries of World War II. On April 25, 1945, a conference held in San Francisco brought together representatives from 50 countries to elaborate on the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, resulting in the creation of the charter of the United Nations. The final charter was ratified and approved on Oct. 24, 1945, with 51 nations as original member states. Records from these early meetings are on display.

"1945: A World United and Divided" is open to the public without charge Monday through Friday, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., and, beginning in September, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The exhibit is open Wednesdays until 8 p.m.

The Mudd Library is located at 65 Olden St., on Princeton University's campus. For more information, call (609) 258-6345 or e-mail mudd@princeton.edu.

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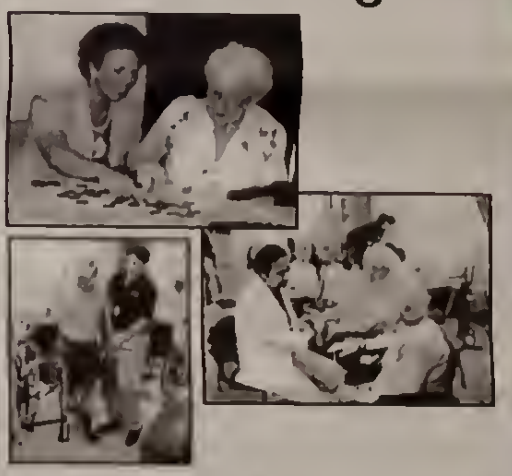

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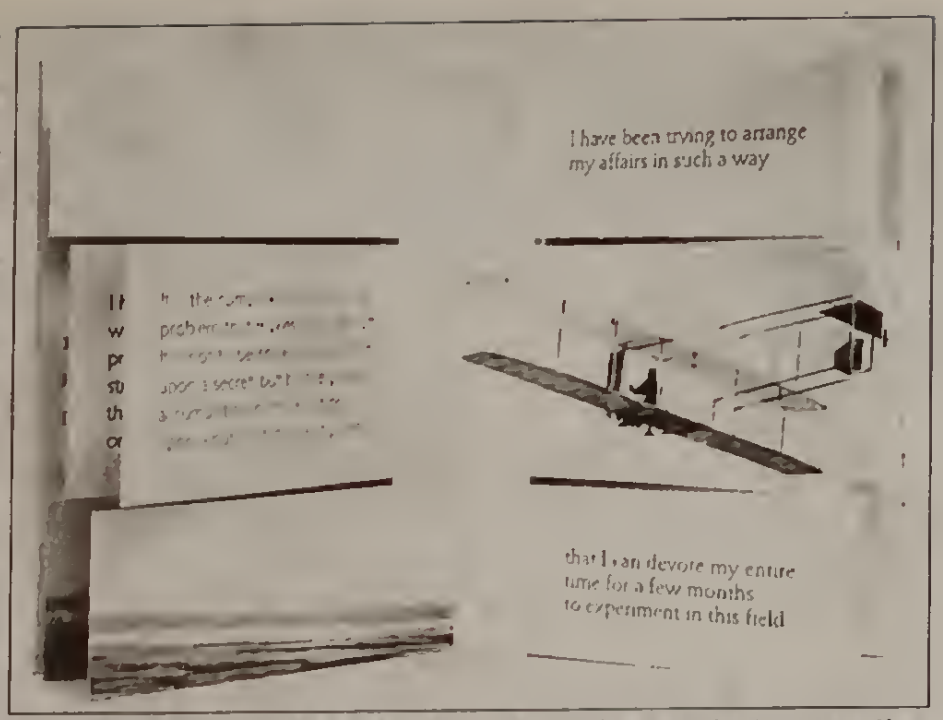

BOOK ART: Artist books are neither books with images of art, nor are they books about art. Instead, artist books are beautiful, handmade objects that creatively express ideas, according to the Hunterdon Museum of Art, which is currently showing an Artist Book Exhibition. The exhibition shows the art of the design and details of a book. The Hunterdon Museum, which is located at 7 Lower Center Street, Clinton, is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

AREA EXHIBITS

The Blue Raccoon Home Furnishings Store is currently displaying paintings by Bucks County artist William Sloan, the store's artist-in-residence. "Shoreline," a special summer-themed collection of paintings, is on display and available for purchase through September. Blue Raccoon is located at 550 Union Square, New Hope, Pa. The store is open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (215) 862-1200.

The Eagle Diner on York Road in New Hope, Pa. is displaying the works of photographer Robert DeChico in a show titled, "Celebration of the River Towns." A total of 25 photographic images, featuring the towns of New Hope and Lambertville, will be shown through August 30. For more information, call (215) 862-5575.

Gallery 14, located on 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell, is displaying a photographic tribute to the volunteers of the Princeton Fire Department by Town Topics Photographer Edward (E.J.) Greenblat, through August 28. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and by appointment, by calling (609) 333-8511.

Gavroche, a restaurant in Manhattan's West Village, is displaying the works of Princeton photographer Nick Barberio in an exhibit called "Soupçon," where the artist explores the ideas of suspicion, humour, and reflection. The exhibit will be open through September 30 at Gavroche, 212 West 14th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues, New York City. Mr. Barberio's photographs can be viewed during restaurant hours, Tuesday through Friday, from noon to 4 p.m., and 5 to 11 p.m. daily. The restaurant is also open Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (212) 647-8553.

Grounds for Sculpture, located at 18 Fairgrounds Road in Hamilton, is featuring works by sculptor Itzik Benshalom through September 25. The gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616.

The Hunterdon Museum of Art is featuring the photographic works of Robin Schwartz in "Portraits of Amelia." Drawing inspiration from the paintings of Velazquez, Sargent, and Botticelli, Ms. Schwartz has taken several photographs of her daughter in picturesque scenes. The exhibit will be on view through October 14, along with an Artist Book Exhibition, which shows the art of the design and details of a book. The Hunterdon Museum, which is located at 7 Lower Center Street, Clinton, is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

The James A. Michener Art Museum is displaying the sculpture works of Philadelphia woodworker Kathran Siegel. Her work will be on display through November 6. The museum is also exhibiting, "Emily Brown: The Evolving Landscape," featuring more than 50 of Ms. Brown's works over a 30-year span. Ms. Brown's work will be on display through September 18 in the Fred Beans Gallery. Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The gallery is also open Wednesday evenings until 9 p.m. The gallery is located at 138 South Pine Street, Doylestown, Pa. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters Gallery is exhibiting "Works in Wax," featuring paintings by Alyce Gottesman, a New Jersey based painter, who describes her work as a "visual meditation on the energy of and flow of the natural world." This exhibit will run through September 19. The gallery is open by appointment only. For more information, call (732) 524-6957.

Mercer Connty Library, West Windsor Branch is showing the works of Laura Warne, the photographer, through August 31. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is also open Sundays, 12:30 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 799-0462 or visit www.mcl.org.

The Montgomery Center for the Arts is showing the Princeton Photography Club's annual members exhibition through September 11. An estimated 50 photographs are included in the show, both traditional and digital processes and prints. The Montgomery Center for the Arts is located at 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-3272.

The Newark Museum is holding the exhibit, "In the American Grain: Dove, Hartley, Marin, O'Keeffe and Stieglitz" through September 4. The exhibit explores the work of a group of innovative modernist painters who transformed the course of American art at the beginning of the 20th century. The Newark Museum, located at 49 Washington Street in Downtown/Arts District of Newark is open Wednesdays through Fridays, noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, call (973) 596-6550.

The New Jersey State Museum is holding the exhibit, "Hatching the Past: Dinosaur Eggs and Babies" through December 31. This hands-on exhibition offers an array of authentic dinosaur eggs and nests collected from all over the globe. The gallery is located at 225 West State Street, Trenton, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 394-9535.

The Pennsylvania Academy is currently exhibiting a show, "Light, Line and Color: American Works on Paper (1765-2005)." This exhibit will be held until September 4. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (215) 972-2014.

The Princeton Pnblic Library is featuring the works of acclaimed photographer Ricardo Barros in the second floor Reference Gallery, through October 30. Mr. Barros has been the principal photographer at the Grounds for Sculpture since 1992, and his photographs regularly appear in Sculpture Magazine. For more information, visit www.ricardobarros.com.

The Princeton University Art Mnsenm, located in McCormick Hall on Princeton's campus, is now holding an exhibition, "Thomas George: A Retrospective," which will be on display through September 11. A survey of the work of longtime Princeton resident Thomas George celebrates his recent gift to the museum of works on paper and paintings from the 1950s to the present. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. Docent tours are given Saturday and Sundays at 2 p.m. For more information, call (609) 258-3788.

Princeton University, Bernstein Gallery, located on the Lower Level at Robertson Hall in the Woodrow Wilson School, is currently showing works by French painter Thibaud Thiercelin. The exhibit, "Valentin, c'est moi," is on display through September 9. An artist's reception will be held on Friday, September 9, from 5 to 9 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, call (609) 497-2441.

Princeton University, Firestone Library, Main Gallery is showing the exhibit "Hellenic Journeys" through October 23. This exhibit celebrates 25 years of the Program in Hellenic Studies at Princeton University. The gallery is located on 1 Washington Road and is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday evenings 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., and weekends from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609)-258-3155.

The Printmaking Council of New Jersey is featuring an international exhibition of prints made by ElectroEtch, a non toxic printmaking method developed in New Jersey. The exhibit will be shown through October 22. The Printmaking Council is located on Station Road in North Branch Station. Hours for the exhibit are Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (908) 595-1724.

The Williams Gallery in Princeton is featuring the exhibit, "Summer Salon Show: Surfing the International Print World, #5," through August 28. The exhibit includes Charles Wells's etching of John Lennon and Michael Berger's scenes of Princeton. The gallery can be viewed by appointment only, Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-1142, or email wmgallery@aol.com.

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MUSIC REVIEW

New Jersey Opera Theater is Off and Running As a Summer Resident at McCarter Theatre

New Jersey Opera Theater took on a lot this summer in its move from a student to professional theater organization. The company presented five productions in a two-and-one-half week period, plus a myriad of master classes and discussions on musical, production, and performance topics. In its move to McCarter Theatre, the company wisely stayed off the main stage, performing instead in the Berlind Theatre, a delightful space with stadium seating, so there is no bad seat in the house.

The third production of NJOT opened on Thursday night, the New Jersey premiere of Jules Massenet's rarely heard Chérubin, a saucy 19th century sequel to Mozart's Marriage of Figaro (also in NJOT's repertory this summer). Chérubin continues the story of the page Cherubino, known from Mozart's opera as a personification of conflicting innocence and burgeoning adolescence. In Massenet's opera, Cherubino is all grown up, but the innocence is long gone — when this Chérubin is around, you'll want to lock up your teenage daughters. Like Mozart's Cherubino, Chérubin is a pants role for mezzo-soprano, and Amanda Polychronis' portrayal of this Lothario was so real it was creepy. Ms. Polychronis had a swagger that immediately set Chérubin apart from the rest of the men, and like the later 19th century Fledermaus character Prince Orlofsky, this character knows exactly what he was doing in his quest of just about every woman that walked. Ms. Polychronis sang the role with confidence, self-assurance, and vocal accuracy and style.

One of the best results of the Opera Theater's activities this summer was the wide arrany of singers who appeared in the productions, including the ancillary cast of Chérubin. The opera is introduced by Le Philosophe, sung by Michael Anthony McGee, a solid bass with a nice lyric quality to his voice. Le Philosophe surrounded himself with two other animated singers — Jeremy Bolin as Le Compte and Kyle Hastings as Le Baron, creating scenes in which it seemed the solution to every problem was to draw a sword.

The true object of Chérubin's affections was Nina, sung by Westminster Choir College graduate Paige Cutrona. Ms. Cutrona, like most of the other singers of the cast, was able to fill the hall well with a lyric soprano, very forward in tone but suitable for the French language. Her first act aria, accompanied by solo cello, was especially elegant. Nina competed for Chérubin's love with La Comtesse, sung by Valerie Krafi; and La Baronne, sung by Kristen Dubenion-Smith. There is a great deal of dialog in this opera, and all of the singers kept the plot moving along with well handled scenes of speech. Director Marc Verzatt staged the production to accentuate the humorous, aided by the supertitles.

L'Ensoleillad is the great Spanish dancer invited to join the opera's opening celebrations, and is another female whom Chérubin has his eye on. Elizabeth Rosenberg commanded the stage well, whether enticing or repelling Chérubin, with a solid soprano voice well suited to 19th century repertoire.

In the Berlind Theater, the orchestra sits at the foot of the stadium seating, at times a bit too close for the thick orchestration of the opera, despite the limited number of players. With the ensemble this close, one can hear every flaw (although these were few once the opera got going). Conductor Mark Flint kept players and ensemble together well, in music that evoked 19th century Paris. An animated chorus could have used a bit more precision in the men, but added to the music and drama sufficiently.

Among the most impressive aspects of the production were the sets, designed by Hannah Price, combined with the lighting as designed by Barry Steele. Based on hues of blues and tans, the lighting and set together created a space which did not detract from the performers. NJOT spared no expense in costumes, and designer Marie Miller offered a wide variety of 19th century ensemble outfits for the characters.

New Jersey Opera Theater took a huge risk in moving to a significant venue and presenting as many events as the company did this past summer. The audience for Chérubin was a near full house, and from all appearances, their other productions also drew well. Many singers were involved in these productions, giving these performers summer employment and opportunities for new roles, both of which are critical. NJOT seems to be settling on a winter season of one production and a full array of summer activities, which would suit the audiences at Berlind Theater just fine. **—Nancy Plum**

ROCKIN' CONRAD: Starring in the upcoming production of "Bye Bye Birdie" at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre will be, from left, Holly Eaton of Somerset as Doris MacAfee, Michaela Tomcho of Hamilton as Kim MacAfee, Jay Harris of East Windsor as Harry MacAfee, and Alex Hernandez of Hamilton as the rock and roll star Conrad Birdie. The Broadway classic will arrive September 16 for a two-weekend run.

"Bye Bye Birdie" Will Open Season At Kelsey Theatre

The musical *Bye Bye Birdie* will kick off the 2005-06 season at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre on September 16. The Broadway hit, celebrating early rock and roll and life in small town America, will be presented by the Pennington Players for two weekends through September 25.

An opening night reception will follow the September 16 performance to give the audience a chance to enjoy refreshments with the cast and crew.

Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, September 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 8 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays, September 17, 18, 24, and 25 at 2 p.m.

Birdie's plot swirls around rock and roll superstar Conrad Birdie, who has been drafted into the army. As a publicity stunt, his manager arranges to have him visit the sleepy town of Sweet Apple, Ohio, to bestow his one last kiss as a civilian upon a lucky fan. Chaos ensues as Sweet Apple residents cope with life in the spotlight.

The show's musical score boasts some of Broadway's best known numbers — *One Boy*, *One Last Kiss*, *Put on o Hoppy Foce*, *Boby, Tolk to Me*, and *A Lot of Livin' To Do*.

Starring in *Bye Bye Birdie* will be Alex Hernandez of Hamilton as Conrad Birdie, James Petro of Lawrenceville as Albert Peterson, Melissa Marschner of Monroe Township as Rose Alvarez, Jay Harris of East Windsor as Harry MacAfee, Holly Eaton of Somerset as Doris MacAfee, Andrea Cartagena of Cranbury as Mae Peterson, Stephanie Delaney of Newtown, Pa., as Gloria Rasputin, Jesse Girard of Lawrenceville as Randolph MacAfee, Michaela Tomcho of Hamilton as Kim MacAfee, Tess Ammerman of Allentown as Ursula Merkel, and Keenan Westcott of Hamilton as Hugo Peabody.

The cast will also include Caitlin Tierney of Princeton, Samantha Chapman of Princeton Junction, Laurel Johnson of Lawrenceville, and Shane Courtney, Cheryl Kurtz Mills, and James Zimmerman, all of Hamilton

Tickets are $16 for adults, $12 for seniors, and $10 for students and children. Free parking is available next to the theatre. Tickets may be purchased online at www.kelseyatmccc.org or by calling the Kelsey box office at (609) 584-9444.

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"Visiting Mr. Green" Coming To Off-Broadstreet Theatre

Visiting Mr. Green, a comedy by Jeff Baron, will open this Friday, August 26 at Hopewell's Off-Broadstreet Theatre for a six-weekend run.

The play features a curmudgeonly retired dry cleaner, Mr. Green, and Ross Gardner, a young American Express executive, who find themselves thrown together as part of a community service sentence. What starts as a comedy about two men who don't want to be in the same room together turns into a learning experience as the two get to know each other. Mr. Green's Jewish heritage and religious beliefs have a strong influence on his life. Mr. Gardner has found himself ostracized by his family for acknowledging that he is gay, a concept Mr. Green does not understand. As the two men learn more about each other they discover how similar many of their situations are.

Directed by OBT Artistic Director Robert Thick, *Visiting Mr. Green* will feature two performers making their OBT debuts. George Wolfgang of Princeton will play the 86-year-old Mr. Green. A stockbroker by day, Mr. Wolfgang will return to the stage after an acting hiatus. He has previously performed in *Miss Reordon Drinks a Little*, *The Man who Came to Dinner*, and *Pajama Game*. Nick Muni of South Jersey (Mr. Gardner) is actively pursuing an acting career, having previously appeared in *The Baltimore Waltz*, *Angels in America*, and *The Good Doctor*, among others. He is taking a break from the University of Cincinnati's Conservatory of Music in order to appear at Off-Broadstreet.

Performances will be weekends through October 1. On Friday and Saturday evenings doors open at 7 p.m. for dessert, with curtain at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees feature dessert at 1:30 p.m. with curtain at 2:30 p.m.

Admission is $23.75 on Friday and Sunday, $25.25 on Saturday. A senior citizen price of $22 is available for Sunday matinees. All prices include dessert and the show.

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Dance Studio Announces Open House, Acting Course

The Princeton Dance and Theater Studio has announced two events connected with its upcoming season.

An Open House will be held this Sunday, August 28 from noon to 3 p.m., and Monday, August 29 from 4 to 7 p.m.

And a new affiliation with New Brunswick's George Street Playhouse will be inaugurated this year, offering a 36-week season of acting classes.

The Open House will be held at the Princeton Dance and Theater Studio, 116 Rockingham Row, Forrestal Village in Plainsboro. For more information contact (609) 514-1600. All Studio classes will begin Sunday, September 11. During the Open House interested visitors can meet instructors and learn more about classes for children and adults. Dance classes at PDT Studio are geared to young and adult dancers. Classes in salsa, flamenco, ballet, Middle Eastern, and Pilates are offered for adults, who are also welcome in the jazz, tap, and hip hop classes with the younger students.

The new acting program, designed to enrich PDT Studio's musical theater division, will be taught by GSP's educators on Monday evenings at PDT Studio. George Street Playhouse will lead the classes for the entire 36-week season, the longest residency ever for the company.

"The quality of George Street Playhouse's acting education is very much in line with the quality of Princeton Dance and Theater Studio's dance education," said Risa Kaplowitz, co-director of PDT Studio. "When acting classes are taken regularly, students build presence, confidence and communication skills. Through improvisation, students learn to think on their feet. For our dancers, the study of acting greatly enhances their artistry and creativity, crucial skills to bring to the stage along with technically difficult steps."

George Street Playhouse has previously taught at PDT Studio's three-week Broadway Bound camp. The acting students will have two in-studio workshop performances and one stage performance.

Princeton Dance and Theater Studio, Inc. was founded in 2003 by Ms. Kaplowitz and Susan Jaffe. Its mission is to offer the highest quality dance and theater training available and to provide students with the opportunity to grow as performing artists.

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RETURNING TO PRINCETON: California folksinger-songwriter Debby McClatchy will return to Christ Congregation Church at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, September 16 to kick off the Princeton Folk Music Society's 40th anniversary season. Tickets are $10 for Society members, $15 for non-members, at the door.

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Folk Music Society Plans Debby McClatchy Concert

The Princeton Folk Music Society will start its 40th anniversary season by welcoming back traditional singer-songwriter Debby McClatchy for an 8:15 p.m. performance on Friday, September 16 at Christ Congregation Church.

Ms. McClatchy was the anchor performer in the Folk Music Society's 1975 Assunpink Folk Festival, and was featured in its 35th anniversary mini-fest. She is an accomplished instrumentalist on banjo, guitar, concertina, and dulcimer, as well as on such assorted "lost" instruments as the ukelin, tremola, and marxaphone.

Born in San Francisco, Ms. McClatchy began her professional music career in college with the Sunshine Celly Band. After three years of working in pubs and a one-year tour to Stockholm, she moved to New York City, where she ran the Focus II Traditional Coffee House and worked for various agencies. She was then awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for two years to bring music to the public schools of New York.

Ms. McClatchy has performed at folk clubs and festivals across North America and Europe. Her numerous radio appearances have included National Public Radio's *Sunday Folk* with Gene Shay, and *Prairie Home Companion*. Sing Out! magazine has called her "one of our most indefatigable collectors and flawless interpreters of American traditional music." Her 11 albums include such original compositions as *Women of Greenham Common* and *Apples in Winter*.

Admission to the concert will be $10 for members of the Folk Music Society and affiliated organizations, $15 for nonmembers, and $3 for children 11 and under. Special rates are available for students. There are no advance sales.

The next event in the Folk Music Society's fall concert series will be a performance on Friday, October 21 by Dave Webber and Annie Fentiman. For more information, call (609) 799-0944, or visit http://princetonfolk.org.

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Holiday Shows Auditioning At Mercer County College

Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre will host auditions for two holiday-themed shows coming to the theatre in November and December, *Inspecting Carol* and the Broadway adaptation of *A Christmas Carol — the Musical*. The audition room locations will be posted at the theater.

Presented by Like 40 Productions, *Inspecting Carol* is the story of a small theater company's comically ill-fated efforts to put on its annual production of *A Christmas Carol*. The show will run November 11 through 20 at Kelsey.

Auditions for the comedy will be held on Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. Auditioners are asked to prepare a two-minute comedic monologue and bring a resume and/or head shot.

Twelve roles are available, eight males and four females. Most roles call for actors ranging in age from their 30s to their 60s. One actor in his 20s is also needed, along with a "large 11-year-old who has been playing Tiny Tim two years too long."

To schedule an audition appointment, call Tracy at (609) 291-8123.

Auditions for *A Christmas Carol — the Musical* will be held on Saturday, September 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, September 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Presented by Playful Theatre Productions, the show will be directed by Suzanne Smith and Mike Wills with musical direction by Nicholas Cheng. Performance dates are November 25 through December 4 at Kelsey Theatre.

Auditioners are asked to prepare a song from musical theater and to prepare for a dance audition. An accompanist will be provided. No monologues are requested. The cast of 30 includes 13 men, 10 women, two boys under 13, one girl under 13, and a chorus of all ages from eight up. All parts are open.

To schedule an audition appointment for *A Christmas Carol — the Musical*, call (215) 943-0351.

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PETTORANELLO BOUND: The Latin-American music ensemble Eco Del Sur will present a free concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 17 at Pettoranello Gardens in Community Park North as part of a new music series sponsored by the nonprofit organization Blue Curtain. Also on the bill will be Segunda Quimbamba, a percussion and dance ensemble from Jersey City performing the music of Puerto Rico.

New Music Series Coming To Pettoranello Gardens

Blue Curtain, a new nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing original musical and dance performances to Pettoranello Gardens, has announced its first two concerts at the site on consecutive Saturdays, September 10 and 17. Both concerts start at 7 p.m. and are free.

Curtis Webster and Stephen Allen, co-founders of Blue Curtain, plan to expand the new music series to more performances next season.

"Cover bands have plenty of venues to play at throughout New Jersey," explained Mr. Allen. "We wanted to provide an encouraging and nurturing environment for up-and-coming performing artists who are creating something original — something outside of the mainstream." The series is expected to include dance, dramatic, and visual arts programs in the future in addition to music.

For many years The Arts Council of Princeton and the Township Recreation Commission sponsored a free concert series at the Pettoranello Gardens called Summer Sounds. Blue Curtain hopes to continue the tradition at the park.

The September 10 performance will feature rock music by two local bands, Rackett and Lofash.

Rackett, which describes itself as a three-car garage band, plays a mixture of tunes inspired by 60s and 70s classic rock, country, rhythm and blues, and funk. Its six members include Princeton University professors Paul Muldoon and Nigel Smith. Having previously co-written songs with Warren Zevon, and been covered by Bruce Springsteen, Prof. Muldoon is the in-house lyricist for Rackett.

Lofash, a Pennington-based blend of funk, jazz, and rock 'n roll, had its debut at the Alchemist and Barrister during the winter of 2003 and has since played in numerous venues throughout Trenton, New Hope, and The College of New Jersey.

The September 17 performance will feature the Latin-American music ensembles Eco Del Sur and Segunda Quimbamba. Eco Del Sur performs ancient Andean music as well as contemporary music from different Latin American regions. Segunda Quimbamba is a percussion and dance ensemble from Jersey City that plays authentic Bomba and Plena, the drum music of Puerto Rico.

Snacks will also be on sale during the shows. The Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheater is located in Community Park North, at the junction of Route 206 and Mountain Avenue.

For more information, call Stephen Allen at (609) 924-7500.

Foxy Moon Rock Band At Grounds For Sculpture

Grounds for Sculpture will host a concert appearance by the eight-member group, Foxy Moon Baby, this Friday, August 26 at 7 p.m. The multi-instrumental group performs a fusion of funk, soul, and groove rock with dance rhythms.

The members of Foxy Moon Baby have all received classical or jazz training. Casey O'Connor, co-founder and drummer, has studied drums and percussion at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Dennis Roberts, co-founder and guitarist, recently earned his master's degree in composition and arranging from Five Towns College. Andy Smicker, now completing his BFA at New School University of Jazz and Contemporary Music, has studied with such jazz trumpet performers as Greg Bobulinski and Joe Magnarelli.

Chuggy Carter has performed percussion with national acts such as Patti LaBelle, Donny Hathaway, Randy Brecker, and Stanley Turrentine. Chris Lippe studies and performs various styles of jazz and classical music. Nick Kadajski was a scholarship student at the Eastman School of Music.

Brad Madsen is a current scholarship recipient at the Jazz and Contemporary Music Program at New School University. And Steve Paul Johnson, who specializes in jazz and rock, has played an important role in the east coast funk music scene with Chameleon and Velour.

The band's versatility can be heard on its first studio album, *Out Of The Blue*.

The Grounds For Sculpture performance will take place in the courtyard of the Domestic Arts Building, which houses one of the museum's contemporary art exhibitions by day and is used as a performance space for concerts. In case of rain the concert will move indoors.

The concert is open to the public. Tickets are $8 and include admission to the park and museums.

To order tickets in advance, call (609) 586-0616, ext. 20. Tickets will also be sold at the door as seating is available.

Grounds for Sculpture is located on the site of the former New Jersey State Fairgrounds at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton.

Capital Rainbowfest IV Set for September 18

Capital Rainbowfest IV, New Jersey's classic Fall Pride event, will return to Mill Hill Park for the fourth year this September 18 from noon to 6 p.m. Vendors, exhibitors, food, and displays of interest to the gay, lesbian, transgendered, bisexual, and intersexed (GLTBI) communities of New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania will again fill the park.

The festival is open to all; the $5 suggested donation supports the ongoing work of Capital Rainbowfest.

Trenton's first-ever GLTBI Pride Parade will be the centerpiece of this year's celebration, according to Capital Rainbowfest vice president David Nixon. The march will include a women's motorcycle brigade, female impersonators, and many of the state's GLTBI support and political groups. As emcee of the afternoon's entertainment, Mr. Nixon will appear as Ms. Dhyana Nixon, introducing guests while offering her own unique interpretations of classic Motown, soul, and disco hits.

Groups scheduled to appear include the New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus, Ladyjam (aka the Rev. LaDana Clark), Pandora Scooter, Josh Zuckerman, and, from New York City, Fagapalooza, featuring the cast of Manhattan's longest-running queer music showcase.

Capital Rainbowfest IV will conclude with Amy Schindler and Maire Tashjian, known as Virgo. The duo's instruments include a full drum set, surdo, or Brazilian bass drum, conga drums, bells, and ganzas or shakers.

For more information, contact capitalr@capitalrainbowfest.org. For directions, visit www.capitalrainbowfest.org.

Voices Chorale Plans Auditions in Princeton

Pennington's Voices Chorale has announced auditions for interested singers for the 2005-06 season, on Thursday, September 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Music Together, 66 Witherspoon Street, across from the Princeton Public Library.

All voice parts are welcome, and no solos are required. Other audition dates are possible. To schedule an audition, call Sandy Duffy at (609) 799-2211, or e-mail auditions@voiceschorale.org.

Voices Chorale has been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall with choirs from England and Taiwan on November 20 in a concert sponsored by Mid-America Productions. Performance skill and familiarity in working with choirs from other countries prompted the invitation.

The Chorale's "Festival of Candles and Carols" in December will include music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Alexandre Gretchaninoff, and Randol Alan Bass. *Inspired by Weddings* in March will feature wedding cantatas by composers from three different centuries, Guillaume Dufay, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Daniel Pinkham. Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes and a few bluesy tunes will round out the program. May's concert will feature choral-orchestral works by Mozart and Handel, as well as the winning works from the Chorale's Children's Composition Contest.

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CINEMA REVIEW — The 40 Year-Old Virgin

Never-Been-Kissed Nerd Looks for First Love in Over-the Top Comedy

In the movie *Bruce Almighty*, Steve Carrell managed to upstage Jim Carrey during an unforgettable scene as a TV newscaster who is compelled to unleash a torrent of unintelligible gibberish while under a spell cast by his jealous competitor. On the strength of that memorable cameo, this alumnus of Chicago's famed Second City comedy troupe parlayed his performance into several larger, though less well-received roles, in films like *Anchorman* and *Bewitched*.

He has also landed a couple of title roles, that of Maxwell Smart in the upcoming adaptation of *Get Smart*, and Andy Stitzer, aka *The 40 Year-Old Virgin*. Regrettably, Carrell fails to exhibit the star quality that is necessary to carry a full-length feature film. While he has what it takes to make a capable character actor, this movie magnifies his lack of magnetism and his inability to generate chemistry with his co-star Catherine Keener.

SURELY YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO FIND SOMEONE TO DATE HERE: Andy, (Steve Carrell, left), and his pals (from left to right) David (Paul Rudd), Jay (Romany Malco), and Cal (Seth Rogen) are about to paricipate in a speed dating session in an attempt to help Andy overcome his bashfulness and find a date. *(Photo by Suzanne Hanover. ©2005 Universal Studios. All rights reserved)*

The picture is plagued by a host of problems, independent of its leading actor, starting with a premise which many might find offensive. The storyline is a cross between *American Pie* and *There's Something about Mary*.

Like *Pie*, the plot revolves around the desire to end Andy's virginity. As in *Mary*, the protagonist is a never-been-kissed loser who has a crush on an attractive woman clearly out of his league. It's obvious that the resolution of the plot will lay in a dovetailing of these parallel themes during the denouement. Meanwhile, the audience is asked to endure two hours of off-color slapstick and jokes, none of which elicited even one laugh from this critic.

Andy Stitzer is a good-natured geek who rides a bicycle to his job at an electronics chain store named Smart Tech. A nerd in every sense of the word, his hobbies include playing the tuba, singing karaoke, and painting toy soldiers. He describes himself as a gentleman who respects women but this doesn't sit well with his co-workers, David (Paul Rudd), Jay (Romany Malco), and Cal (Seth Rogen); relatively experienced Romeos who figure out that their 40 year-old colleague is still a virgin.

The trio try to help Andy find a woman willing to sleep with him. They do everything they can to set the mood: getting him drunk and high on pot, sending him on speed dates, supplying him with a pornography collection, and setting him up with a cute customer and the office tramp, all to no avail.

The supposed role models in this movie so frequently cross a line in terms of basic human decency that parents ought to consider this fair warning. *The 40 Year-Old Virgin*, while masquerading as a sweet romantic comedy, is, in truth, an infuriating, offensive, soft-porn primer on how to treat girls as objects who exist to be at the disposal of men.

Poor (0 stars). Rating: R for profanity, ethnic slurs, nudity, soft pornography, pervasive sexual situations, crude humor, the promotion of excessive alcohol consumption and illegal drug usage. Running time: 116 minutes. Studio: Universal Pictures.

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Asylum (R for violence, brief profanity, and graphic sexuality). Psychological thriller, set in 1959, about the wife (Natasha Richardson) of a psychiatrist (Hugh Bonneville), who falls in love with one of his patients (Marton Csokas), a sculptor institutionalized for the murder of his spouse. Narrated by Ian McKellen who co-stars as another psychiatrist.

Braken Flawers (R for profanity, drug use, and nudity). Bill Murray stars as an aging Don Juan who embarks on a cross-country trip tracking down his ex-lovers after he receives an anonymous letter informing him that he has a son. Cast includes Sharon Stone, Tilda Swinton, Jessica Lange, Frances Conroy, Julie Delpy, Chloe Sevigny, and Jeffrey Wright.

The Brathers Grimm (PG-13 for violence, scary images, and suggestive material). Matt Damon and Heath Ledger share the title role in this bio-pic very loosely based on the lives of the literary siblings who wrote the classic fairytales. Monty Python's Terry Gilliam directs, imbuing the adventure with elements of both horror and comedy.

The Cave (PG-13 for intense violence). High body-count horror film about monsters which attack spelunkers exploring the world's largest cave, as well as the rescue team sent to save the day. With Morris Chestnut, Cole Hauser, and Piper Perabo.

Charlie and the Chacalate Factory (PG for quirky situations, mild epithets, and action sequences). Tim Burton directs this adaptation of Roald Dahl's children's novel of the same name. Freddie Highmore, who was in *Finding Neverland*, plays the impish title character joined by Johnny Depp as Willy Wonka, a role first brought to the movies in 1971 by Gene Wilder.

Deuce Bigalaw: Eurapean Gigala (R for nudity, profanity, drug use, and pervasive crude and sexual humor). Rob Schneider and Eddie Griffin go to Europe for another round of sexual hi-jinks with an array of needy female oddities, only to discover that someone has been slowly knocking off the great gigolos of Europe. Features a cameo by Norm Macdonald.

The 40 Year-Old Virgin (R for profanity, drug use, and pervasive sexual content). Comedian Steve Carrell enjoys his first title role as a nerdy nice guy egged on by a Greek chorus of co-workers determined to find a female willing to seduce him. With Catherine Keener as the ultimate object of his affection.

Faur Brothers (R for sex, pervasive profanity, and graphic violence). John Singleton directs this remake of *The Sons of Katie Elder*, a classic Western starring John Wayne and Dean Martin. Updated as a vigilante justice adventure set in present-day Detroit, this bloody urban saga revolves around a quartet of adopted brothers, two black (Andre Benjamin and Tyrese), and two white (Mark Wahlberg and Garrett Hedlund), who reunite to avenge the murder of their mother.

The Great Raid (R for brief profanity and protracted war violence). True World War II tale, based on the best-selling memoir by William Breuer, recounts the 1945 rescue of 500 American soldiers from a Japanese POW camp in the Philippines. With Benjamin Bratt, James Franco, Joseph Fiennes, and Connie Nielsen.

Happy Endings (R for sex, nudity, expletives, and drug use). Comedy set in the world of massage interweaves the dramas of ten characters, each caught up in some sort of relationship crisis. Expanded cast features Tom Arnold, Lisa Kudrow, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Jesse Bradford, Laura Dern, Ray Liotta, and Edward Furlong.

Mad Hat Ballraam (PG for mature themes). Dance documentary retraces the inspirational rise of eleven year-old New York City public school kids from humble circumstances who master the tango, fox trot, rumba, swing, and merengue in preparation for the annual, citywide competition.

March af the Penguins (G). Ornithological documentary follows a flock of penguins for a year, focusing on one pair of birds in particular, during their annual migration across the Antarctic.

Must Love Dags (PG-13 for sexual content). Romantic comedy, based on the Claire Cook novel of the same name, about a divorced pre-school teacher (Diane Lane) who answers a man's personal ad looking for a woman who shares his love of canines. The cast includes Stockard Channing, Dermot Mulroney, and Christopher Plummer.

Red Eye (PG-13 for profanity, and intense violence). Wes Craven directs this nightmarish thriller about a woman (Rachel McAdams) with a fear of flying who finds herself held hostage at 30,000 feet by a fellow passenger (Cillian Murphy) on board a jet to Miami. Either she agrees to cooperate in a plot to assassinate the Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, or her father (Brian Cox) gets a visit from a hit man.

The Skeletan Key (PG-13 for partial nudity, disturbing images, violence, and matures themes). Kate Hudson stars in this horror film, set in New Orleans, as a hospice nurse who discovers that the creepy mansion where she works happens to be haunted by the ghosts of previous owners who were lynched long ago for practicing voodoo. With John Hurt and Gena Rowlands.

Sky High (PG for action violence and mild epithets). Disney family-oriented adventure about an underachieving freshman (Michael Angarano) at a high school for future superheroes who finds it hard to live up to the expectations of his parents, celebrated crime-fighters known as The Commander (Kurt Russell) and Jetstream (Kelly Preston).

Supercrass (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Motorcycle adventure about two brothers (Steve Howey and Mike Vogel) who, following the suspicious death of their dad, must put aside their differences and overcome emotional obstacles in order to get back on their bikes for the Motorcross Championship. With Daryl Hannah and Robert Carradine.

2046 (R for graphic sexuality). Sci-fi sequel to *In the Mood for Love*, this impressionistic flashback film revisits a serial womanizer's (Tony Leung) steamy romantic liaisons with a half-dozen of his conquests. Title refers to the hotel room in which he conducted an affair in the first film. In Cantonese, Japanese, and Mandarin with subtitles.

Valiant (G) Disney animated adventure, set during World War II, about an undersized, but brave pigeon (Ewan McGregor) who joins the Resistance and plays a pivotal role on D-Day, ferrying messages for the Allies. British production includes voicework by Ben Kingsley, Jim Broadbent, John Cleese, Tim Curry, Rupert Everett, John Hurt, and Hugh Laurie.

Wedding Crashers (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn star in this over the top comedy as divorce mediators who devote their weekends to attending weddings in search of women. Tension arises when one of them falls for the daughter (Rachel McAdams) of an eccentric politician (Christopher Walken). Cast includes Will Ferrell and Jane Seymour. **—Kam Williams**

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The **Professional and Business Singles Network** will hold a dance social at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 3 at Good Time Charley's Restaurant in Kingston. Dance instruction will be offered at 7 p.m. Membership is not required.

Admission for the dance social will be $15; for the dance social and dance instruction, $20.

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The **Mercer Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals** will present a program titled "Effective Listening" by Jan Mihalow, followed by its monthly meeting, on Thursday, September 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Tiffany's Family Dining in Mercerville.

Admission will be $20; all administrative professionals are welcome. For reservations or information, call (609) 627-5915.

The Princeton Chapter of the **Institute of Management Accountants** will host a' dinner meeting at Good Time Charley's Restaurant in Kingston on Tuesday, September 13 at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Gerry Najarian, a manufacturing management consultant with the Remington Group. Admission will be $30.

For reservations or information, call Rebecca Machinga at (609) 520-1188. Walk-ins are welcome.

The **Princeton Macintosh Users Group** (PMUG) will meet on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Room A-10 of Princeton University's Jadwin Hall.

The meeting topic will be Open Source Software (OSS). The speaker, Ira Fuchs, is vice president for research in information and technology at the Mellon Foundation.

OSS is open, public nonproprietary source code and comes with certain rights. They typically include running it for any purpose, studying how it works, changing it, and redistributing it. Mr. Fuchs will discuss "What Is It and Why You Should Care."

For more information, call Seth Eberhardt at (908) 359-8851.

The **Mid Jersey Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America** will display cars from the 1920s through the 1970s in the courtyard of Princeton Shopping Center on Saturday, September 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Owners of vehicles 25 years old and older are eligible to participate, and there is no entry fee.

The Mid Jersey Region of the AACA is a group of old car hobbyists involved in the maintenance and restoration of their cars to "factory original" condition. The club meets monthly in Crosswicks, N.J. and is affiliated with the National AACA in Hershey, Pa. The aim of the AACA is the perpetuation of the pioneer days of automobiling by preserving antique automobiles and promoting sportsmanship and good fellowship among AACA members.

At noon the Burlington County Community College Jazz Ensemble will entertain visitors. Attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

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The **Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce** will announce the recipients of its Leader, Innovator, and Entrepreneur of the Year Awards at a business-after-business reception and press conference tomorrow, August 25, at the Tournament Players Club at Jasna Polana. The award recipients will be recognized at the Chamber's annual Business Leadership Awards Gala on Wednesday, November 30 at Jasna Polana.

The Chamber has also scheduled its annual Business Trade Fair for Thursday, September 15 at Westin Princeton Forrestal Village from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For reservations or more information, call (609) 924-1776.

Princeton Singles has scheduled seven events in September.

Hour-long canal walks, followed by lunch, are scheduled for Saturday, September 10 and Saturday, September 24. Participants will meet in the parking lot at the Winepress Restaurant in Kingston at 10 a.m. For reservations, call (609) 896-1170.

The club will host a breakfast meeting on Friday, September 9 at 9 a.m. at Friendly's Restaurant on Route 206 in Montgomery. Admission is the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (908) 874-5434.

Two hours of canoeing or kayaking on Carnegie Lake will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 11. For reservations, call (609) 720-1860. Admission will be $10 or $14.

On Saturday, September 17, club members and guests will meet at Tara Greens in Kendall Park at 10 a.m. for a morning of golf with lunch to follow at a local restaurant. For information, call (908) 232-5205. Also on September 17, club members and guests will attend a performance of *Morrioge Con Be Hozordous* to *Your Heolth* at Hopewell's Off-Broadstreet Theatre. The cost will be $25. For reservations, call (732) 297-9646.

The club will also host a noon luncheon meeting on Tuesday, September 27 at the Princeton Elks Club in Blawenburg. Admission is the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (609) 275-5180.

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Welander Breaks Through With Illinois Open Title; Shooting for Big Year with Princeton Women's Golf

Annika Welander picked a good time to post her first-ever round under 70 in tournament play.

Playing at the Illinois Women's Open last month, Welander, a sophomore golf star for Princeton University, carded a 67 in the second round to take the lead in the tournament heading into the third and final round.

Undeterred by the fact that she was competing against a field that included many seasoned professional players, Welander coolly closed the deal as she shot a final round 70 to finish with a 54-hole total of 9-under 207 and a one-stroke win over longtime pro Allison Finney.

ON THE UPSWING: Annika Welander displays her driving form last spring. Welander, a sophomore on the Princeton University women's golf team, made a major breakthrough this summer as she shot a nine-under 207 to win the Illinois Women's Open. Welander's 54-hole total broke the previous tournament record. *(Photo courtesy of Princeton's Office of Athletic Communications)*

In reflecting on her stunning win, the 19-year-old Welander said that she had plenty of confidence coming into the event which was held at Mistwood Golf Course in Romeoville, Ill.

"I've been hitting the ball well," said Welander, a native of Winnetka, Ill. "The week before I was at the U.S. Public Links tournament and I told my coach Joe Bosco that I could win the women's open. I was comfortable with my putting and I was hitting the ball in the middle of the fairway."

After starting the tournament with a 2-under 70, Welander took her game to a higher level a day later.

"The first day was not great but I felt good," recalled Welander, who helped the Princeton women's team with the Ivy League title this past spring. "Then in the second round I shot 67; that was a major breakthrough. I chipped for an eagle on a par 5, that was big."

As Welander stepped to the first tee for the final round, she felt she had nothing to lose. "I had two thoughts," asserted Welander. "I knew I had the capability to win, I had practiced enough to beat the other players. I wasn't too nervous. Even if I didn't win, I had already done so well. It was a nice mindset to have coming into the round."

That calm approach helped Welander weather the storm as Finney got off to a hot start. "She birdied the first two holes," remembered Welander. "I birdied the third and fourth and that evened things up. She three-putted a hole and all of a sudden I was in the lead."

With the title nearly in her grasp, Welander admitted that she started feeling butterflies. "I got up by two and then I did get a little nervous," said Welander. "I had to go up and down on seven or eight holes."

On the 18th hole, Welander underwent an emotional rollercoaster as she clinched victory. "I was standing on the last hole; I had just missed a birdie putt and she had a ten-footer for a birdie," said Welander, whose final score of 207 broke the previous tournament record of 211. "I was one-up so I thought she would make it and we would have a playoff. She missed the putt and I got all excited. I was surprised; I couldn't believe that I had won."

Welander is certainly excited as she looks forward to her second season at Princeton, which starts on September 17-18 with the Mary Fossum Invitational hosted by Michigan State University.

"Going into junior events, you can win if you play your game," said Welander, who has posted seven wins in regional tournaments together with eight second-place finishes. "In the Open, I knew I had to play lights out to have a chance. It makes me excited. I'm ready for the Michigan State tournament. There is no reason I can't win."

For Welander, her freshman year was an eye-opener. "College golf is so different," explained Welander, who finished 23rd in the individual standings in the Ivy League tournament.

"You have to juggle things. You have the golf side, the academic pressure, and the social stuff. It's exciting to travel but you have to do your work before you get on the bus or plane."

In adjusting to the college level, Welander received valuable assistance from the team's veterans and Princeton head coach Eric Stein. "The seniors were really fun," said Welander, referring to the now-graduated trio of Avery Kiser, Taryn Haladay, and Meg Nakamura.

"They were always joking around. They had figured out the right balance between golf, school, and social life. Coach Stein focuses on keeping us mentally ready. He understands our situation at Princeton and is concerned about us as a whole person. If you have a paper due, he will let you skip practice and tell you to come in and work harder the next day."

Balancing those responsibilities helped Welander develop a mental toughness on the course. "I had to learn how to play under extreme conditions," asserted Welander.

"It was 40 degrees at the Georgetown tournament with winds gusting 20-25 m.p.h. It's not like summer events, where you can go to the range for three hours to practice beforehand. At college, you learn you have to play at a tournament even if your swing is not down pat."

Based on how Welander performed in winning the Illinois title, she should be enjoying some extreme success over the rest of her college career.

—Bill Alden

SECOND ACT: Princeton University sophomore Annika Welander is brimming with confidence as she heads into her second season with the Tiger women's golf team. Welander made a solid debut for Princeton last year, placing 23rd in the Ivy League championship tournament and T-14 at the prestigious Pat Bradley Invitational. This summer, she won the Illinois Women's Open, topping a field which included many seasoned professionals.

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Refreshed After Rough Spring with Tiger Men's Lax, Doneger Helped Rochester Advance to MLL Playoffs

Coming into his senior season on the Princeton University men's lacrosse team, Jason Doneger had enjoyed a nearly unbroken run of success.

As a freshman in 2001, Doneger contributed nine goals as Princeton went 14-1 and pulled out its sixth national title.

After spending a year away from Princeton to study in Europe and work in Washington D.C., the powerful 6'1, 205-pound attacker returned to the field in 2003 and fired in 41 goals to tie teammate Sean Hartofilis for the Ivy League lead in goals scored.

In 2004, Doneger was the top goal scorer in the Ivy League, notching 36 goals to help spark an inexperienced Princeton team on its improbable run to the NCAA Final Four.

Then came the spring of 2005. Looking to end his Tiger career with a bang, Doneger's goal total dropped to 19 as Princeton struggled through a 5-7 campaign, the program's first losing season since 1989.

Despite the drop in Doneger's numbers, the Rochester Rattlers of Major League Lacrosse (MLL) chose the Hewlett, N.Y. native in the second round of the league's player draft.

Shaking off the disappointment of his final college season, Doneger proved he belonged at the pro level as he scored eight goals to help the Rattlers on a late-season run that saw them qualify for the MLL playoffs.

While the Rattlers fell in the semis last Friday to the eventual champion Baltimore Bayhawks, whose lineup featured Princeton alums Trevor Tierney, Josh Sims, and Christian Cook, that didn't take away from Doneger's joy in putting this spring behind him.

"It was refreshing," said Doneger, a success on the field, earning Academic All-Ivy and Academic All-American accolades during his Princeton career

"This spring was tough. It was kind of a sour way to end a career. I had doubts; I thought I may have peaked too soon. I wasn't sure I could play with these guys. It's great to get out and play in what I consider to be a stress-free environment."

As the newcomer among the galaxy of lacrosse stars that play in the MLL, Doneger was able to sneak up on some foes.

"In college, I was a marked man," added Doneger, who works on the convertible bonds desk for Lehman Brothers in New York City and often commuted by plane to the Rattlers' games on Saturdays. "Here I'm not as well known. I'm able to get more open off the ball."

Playing on a team featuring former Syracuse greats Ryan Powell and Casey Powell, Doneger got some good chances when he did find open territory.

"They are two of the best feeders ever, it's been fun playing with them," asserted Doneger, referring to the Powell bothers.

"You have to know where they are on the field. They can get you the ball from anywhere. If you are alert, you can be the beneficiary."

The Rattlers, though, needed more than individual skills to recover from their shaky 1-6 start to finish the regular season with a 6-6 mark.

"We had a lot of talented players but we hadn't realized our potential," recalled Doneger. "The superstars found their roles and we started sharing the ball and developing into a team. Confidence is the one word I regard as the most important word in taking a good lacrosse team and making it great."

Persevering through his rocky final college campaign has helped Doneger develop a confidence that he can bounce back from hard times.

"A lot of people that I've been around have had a lot of success," said Doneger, who finished his Princeton career with 104 goals, the seventh most in program history. "Sometimes it takes a little adversity to help you refocus and work hard. I think the younger guys will learn from that experience."

For Doneger, the pluses of his Princeton experience far outweighed the frustrations he dealt with last spring. "When all is said and done, it was a great experience," said Doneger, who graduated with a degree in politics.

"We all come in here as all-stars and then get weeded out. I feel fortunate to have the chances that I did. I learned about a higher level of commitment from Coach [Bill] Tierney. If you're supposed to be at a meeting at 3:30 and you show up at 3:25, you're late."

Doneger's summer with the Rattlers helped him renew his commitment to the game. "I'm so happy I've gotten to play this summer," said Doneger. "I'm going to keep playing as long as I love it. When it becomes a chore, I'll stop."

—Bill Aldeo

BACK ON THE STICK: Jason Doneger, left, looks for an opening against Rutgers in action this past spring. Rebounding from a rough senior season which saw Princeton go 5-7, Doneger moved on to the Rochester Rattlers of Major League Lacrosse (MLL) and helped the club make the league playoffs.

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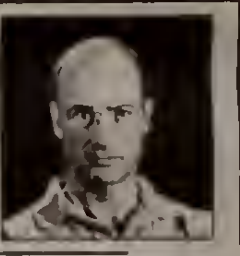

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Former Hun Star Care Brings Unselfishness As He Joins Princeton Men's Soccer Squad

A definite pattern emerged over the last few years at the intrasquad games held during practices for the Hun School boys' soccer team — the side that had Matt Care would usually come out on top.

As a defensive midfielder, Care didn't provide goals to lead his teams to victory. Instead, the unselfish Care influenced the results with pinpoint passing and competitive fire.

"I really hate to lose," said Care, recalling those practice sessions. "I try to do the best possible at whatever I am doing. I don't like to dribble. I like to move the ball around. If everybody is doing that, it makes it hard on the other team."

This week, Care brings his will to win to the Princeton University men's soccer team as he begins his college career with preseason practice.

Care knows that he faces plenty of challenges in the months ahead. "I'm thrilled and nervous," said Care, a resident of Newtown, Pa. "It's something new. I have to prove myself to a new team. It's going to be a tough year academically and athletically."

In Care's view, the busy life he led at Hun will help him thrive at Princeton. "When I was balancing club soccer, high school soccer, and a lot of homework, I learned that I had to be making the best of every moment," explained Care.

Care applied that attitude to Hun's daily practice sessions. "I learned from Coach [Chris] Kingston that it's important that everybody works hard," said Care, whose outstanding work in the midfield last fall helped Hun go 16-4 and advance to the finals of both the Mercer County Tournament and the state Prep A tournament.

"A couple of guys and myself really went hard everyday at practice and that made the other guys step up. When teammates see someone working like crazy who never gives up, it rubs off and they do the same."

This summer, Care has had the chance to work hard with one of his future Princeton teammates as he played with fellow Princeton recruit Pat Farrell on the PSC Coppas club soccer team.

"We worked well together," said Care, referring to Farrell, a star defender. "He's a center back so he plays right behind me."

The pairing of Care and Farrell worked well as the club advanced to the Regional 1 semifinals this summer.

"It was an awesome experience," said Care. "When you play against good people you have to play better to keep up."

In order to keep up at Princeton, Care knows he will have to muscle up. "The biggest challenge in moving from the club level to D-1 is physical," explained Care, who has been lifting weights two-to-three times a week in addition to undergoing rigorous aerobic workouts. "There is a lot more bumping and tackling."

For Care, who started playing soccer before he got to kindergarten, hitting the pitch this week at Princeton will give him the chance to positively influence another side.

"Soccer exemplifies my personality," asserted Care. "It is a team sport. It doesn't help to be selfish. You win with everybody working together."

With Care working hard in the midfield, Princeton figures to be on the winning side on a frequent basis.

—Bill Alden

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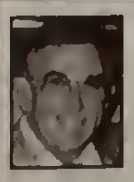
HIGH MARKS: Matt Care, left, marks a St Benedict's player tightly last November in the state Prep A title game. Care's defensive prowess in the midfield is just one of the talents he brings to the table as he moves up to the college level this fall to play for the Princeton men's soccer team. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

CARE PACKAGE: Matt Care patrols the midfield last fall for the Hun School boys' soccer team. Care, whose all-around play helped Hun go 16-4, starts his career with the Princeton University men's soccer this week as the Tigers kick-off their preseason camp. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)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Former PHS Star Anderson Goes Extra Mile In Preparing for Second Season at Denison

Kia Anderson didn't wait long to show her teammates on the Denison University women's soccer team that she possessed a special resilience.

Playing in a preseason scrimmage last summer against Case Western before the start of her freshman season, former Princeton High star Anderson failed to convert on four breakaways.

In overtime, though, Anderson shook off her earlier failures to register an assist on the game-winning goal.

Anderson proved to be a reliable performer for Denison in the clutch all season long, scoring four goals and passing for three assists from her outside defender position to help the Big Red post a sparkling 15-4-1 record.

This summer, Anderson and her teammates went the extra mile in their efforts to build on last year's success, traveling to the Netherlands and Germany on a preseason tour.

In Anderson's view, the journey should help the team start the fall a step ahead of its opposition. "I think anytime you get to play together before the season, it's going to help," said Anderson, noting that the squad went 1-1-1 in its three games against European semi-pro clubs. "We went to Amsterdam, Maastricht, and Cologne. We got really, really close; it was great to have that time together."

The speedy Anderson is primed to increase her production for Denison, a Division III school located in leafy Granville, Ohio.

"I'm really excited," said Anderson, who was named as a second-team All-North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) performer in her debut campaign.

"I've got more experience; I've got a year under my belt. We were working on our 4-3-3 formation on the trip. Our midfielders are center mids so the outside backs need to come up and get involved in the offense."

OFFENSIVE PRESENCE: Kia Anderson blasts the ball during her debut season last fall for the Denison University women's soccer team. Anderson, a former star at Princeton High who helped the Little Tigers reach the Central Jersey Group III sectional finals in 2002, scored four goals and passed for three assists from her outside defender position in her first campaign for the Big Red.

Anderson acknowledged that she took her lumps last fall as she adjusted to the college game. "I had to learn to play more physically; you're playing against 22-year-olds," said Anderson, who has been putting in regular sessions in the weight room this summer as part of her preseason regimen.

"I'm a small player; I had to be tougher. It was scary stepping on the field at first. There was just one other freshman on the team besides me. I needed to prove myself. It helped a lot that the team was so welcoming."

Off-the-field, Anderson thrived in the friendly environment at Denison, a liberal arts school with an enrollment of approximately 2,200 students.

"I didn't want to play D-1 soccer, I wanted to do other things in school," asserted Anderson, who plans to major in psychology. "I'm in a sorority and I'm doing community service. I'm also doing some dance stuff."

Anderson arrived at college ready to thrive after putting together a strong career at PHS. "We had a lot of talented players," recalled Anderson, who helped the Little Tigers advance to the Group III Central Jersey sectional finals in 2002.

"Everyone was dedicated and everyone loved the game. Coach [Greg] Hand was a great coach. That experience really helped prepare me for college soccer."

Anderson believes Denison will be fueled this fall by the bitter experience of ending last season with a loss to Wittenberg on penalty kicks in the NCAC playoffs.

"We were upset that we lost that game; we had beaten that team a week earlier," said Anderson, who played with the Match Fit club this summer. "I would love for the team to make the NCAAs."

With a resilient performer like Anderson spearheading its back line, Denison could well be a factor in the post-season.

—Bill Alden

KIA MOTORS: Kia Anderson, left, flies up the field last fall in action for the Denison University women's soccer team. Anderson, a former standout at Princeton High, used her speed in being named as second-team All-North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) defender for the Big Red. Anderson and her teammates recently toured the Netherlands and Germany as they prepare for the 2005 season and look to improve on the 15-4-1 record they posted last fall.

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After Hitting Stride for PDS and Post 218, O'Brien Aims for Sudden Impact at Trinity

When Dan O'Brien debuted as a freshman on the Princeton High baseball team, he left little to the imagination of what was to come in the next four years.

He was the team's opening day starting pitcher and ranked among the league leaders in home runs, slugging his first career blast off of Toms River South's Todd Frazier, a star on the Toms River Little League World Series Championship team who was drafted by the Colorado Rockies in Major League Baseball's Amateur Draft in 2004.

After a freshman season that saw him hit five home runs for both PHS and the Princeton Post 218 American Legion team, O'Brien assumed a place as one of the area's most feared hitters over the next three years.

On the high school level, O'Brien transferred to Princeton Day School before his junior year and culminated his career there by helping the Panthers to the state Prep B championship game this past spring and earning first-team All-Prep honors.

O'Brien achieved a milestone this summer for Post 218 as he earned 2005 Mercer County American Legion League (MCALL) Player of the Year honors, becoming the first player in team history to earn that accolade.

This fall, O'Brien will take his talents north to Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. The humble O'Brien sees his shot at college baseball as an opportunity to get better.

"I'm looking forward to it," O'Brien said of the college baseball experience. "Trinity has a great program and the coaching staff is great too, so I'll have a chance to improve my game."

While O'Brien's skills may improve, besting his numbers from this past American Legion season will be a tall order. The lefty slugger led the MCALL in batting (.514), home runs (6), and slugging percentage (.943), while finishing second in RBIs (30).

SUDDEN IMPACT: Dan O'Brien follows through after blasting the ball spring for Princeton Day School. O'Brien was named as a first-team All-Prep performer this spring as PDS made it to the state Prep B championship game. This fall, O'Brien heads to Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. where he will look to make a sudden impact for the school's baseball program.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

In the view of Princeton Post 218 Manager Tom Parker, O'Brien brings talent and charisma to the table. "Danny is the best hitter I've had in my time here," said Parker, who joined the Post 218 staff in 1989. "He was a tremendous hitter, even as a rookie. He has a presence about him, and he had it from the first time I saw him play."

O'Brien's debut 2002 high school and Legion seasons started a four-year span of at least five home runs in seven of the eight seasons in which he participated.

While his hitting remained steady from year to year, shoulder problems limited O'Brien's innings on the pitching mound. After carrying a large workload of innings, especially for a freshman in his first season at Princeton High, O'Brien only saw limited action in his next three high school seasons.

It was only this past Legion season that he returned to his regular work as a starting pitcher. Nevertheless, O'Brien believes it is the most improved part of his game and hopes to continue career on the mound at Trinity.

"When I first started pitching as a freshman, I only threw a fastball," said O'Brien. "Over the last few years, I have really developed my curveball and I've been working on a changeup too."

O'Brien, though, is still trying to shake off the shoulder problems, both from a physical and mental standpoint.

"The shoulder still bothered me at the beginning of the year, but as we got into the summer, it felt pretty good," added O'Brien.

"In the back of my head, I know it can still become a problem, but I also know that it's getting stronger."

Although his bat will almost certainly have an instant impact for head coach Bill Decker's two-time Division III World Series participants, any quality innings O'Brien can give to Trinity would be a bonus.

"We'll know by this season whether or not I'm going to pitch," O'Brien said. "If it doesn't work out, then I'll just play the outfield and focus on my hitting."

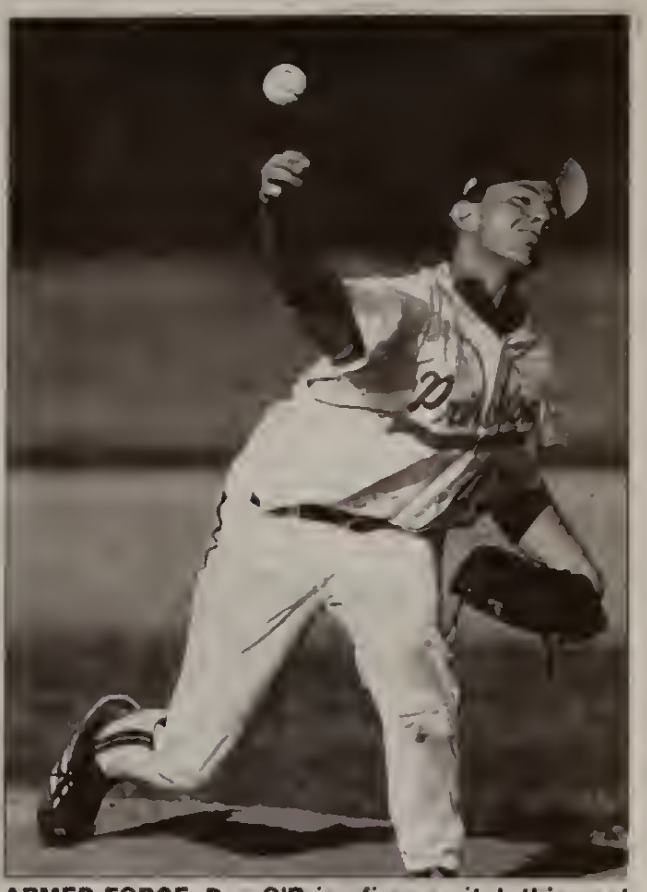
Parker believes O'Brien will make an instant impact. "Offensively, I think the transition will be pretty easy for him," Parker said.

"He's going to get a lot of great coaching too, so as good as he is, he'll improve. And with his bat, the coaches will make sure they find a spot in the lineup for him."

As he prepares for his first semester as a college student, O'Brien insists he just wants to do whatever he can to help the team this upcoming season, no matter how big or small the task.

If O'Brien's history is any indication, he should make his presence felt at Trinity right from the start.

—Matt Manley



ARMED FORCE: Dan O'Brien fires a pitch this past summer for Princeton Post 218 in Mercer County American Legion League (MCALL) action. O'Brien, a former star for Princeton Day School, made a major contribution at the plate for Post 218 as he led the MCALL in batting (.514), home runs (6), and slugging percentage (.943), while finishing second in RBIs (30). He was named as the league's Player of the Year. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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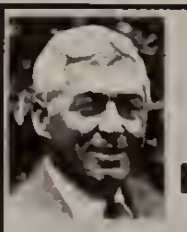

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As baseball fans know, major league statistics are a field of study and fascination all to themselves. That's why seat geeks love the boxscore from a June 18, 2000 game in which Oakland destroyed Kansas City 21-3. Every Oakland starter scored at least one run, had at least one hit and at least one RBI so there were no zeroes in the boxscore for A's hitters. For the record, here it is by player, position, at bats, runs, hits and RBIs:

Terence Long, CF (5-3-1-1); Rande Velarde, 2B (2-2-2-2); Jason Giambi, 1B (2-4-2-2); Ben Grieve, LF (4-2-3-3); Jeremy Giambi, RF (6-1-3-3); Jon Jaha, DH (3-2-1-1); Eric Chavez, 3B (5-2-2-2); Miguel Tejada, SS (6-1-1-1); and Ramon Heroandez, C (6-3-4-3).

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Okay baseball fans, what all-time record is held by "Wahoo" Sam Crawford? A Hall of Fame outfielder who spent most of his 19 seasons with Detroit in the early 1900s, Crawford had a career batting average of .309 and banged out 2,964 hits. In 1901 he led the majors with 16 home runs, 12 of them inside the park jobs. But his record? Well, no player in history smacked as many triples as "Wahoo," who finished with a whopping 312, for an average of more than 16 per season. Speaking of three-baggers, did you know that if a fielder throws his glove at a fair ball, the batter is given an automatic triple?

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The names Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus are forever linked in golf history, in part because of an amazing record they share. Do you have any idea what it is? Beginning with the Canadian Open in 1955, Palmer won at least one tournament every year for an unequalled 17 years until 1972 to establish the mark. Nicklaus tied it by starting his run in 1962 and winning at least one tournament each year through 1978.

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LOCAL SPORTS

PSA Holding Sign-Up For Recreational League

The Princeton Soccer Association (PSA) is currently holding registration for its upcoming fall Recreational Soccer League for players in grades K-8.

The league will be holding games on Saturday mornings from September 10 through November 19. For additional information and registration forms, visit the PSA website at www.princetonsoccer.org. Details are also available via phone at (609) 737-4121 or e-mail at Princetonsoccer @comcast.net.

PSA Girls' Travel Teams Have Limited Openings

The Princeton Soccer Association (PSA) has a limited number of openings in its girls' travel program.

Openings are available in the Under-9 program (birthdates between August 1, 1996 and July 31, 1997), U-10 (birthdates between August 1, 1995 and July 31, 1996) and U-13 (birthdates between August 1, 1992 and July 31, 1993). The teams play in the fall from September 9 through mid-November and then resume play in the spring with a 10-week schedule.

For additional information, visit the PSA website at www.princetonsoccer.org. Details are also available via phone at (609) 737-4121 or e-mail at Princetonsoccer @comcast.net.

Stransky Golf Event On for August 25

The 2005 Edward J. Stransky memorial golf outing will take place on August 25 at the Bunker Hill Golf Course on Bunkerhill Road in Princeton.

The event is sponsored by the Princeton Elks Lodge #2129 and is open to golfers of all ages. This year, the event will feature a "Team Scramble" competition. The tee times are from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with free food provided during the golf. After the round, there will be drinks and a prime rib dinner at the Elks Lodge. The dinner will be followed by awards and a drawing for prizes. The event includes the chance to win a car for scoring a hole-in-one on a designated hole at Bunker Hill.

The golf registration fee is $90 per person. For more information, call John Balestrieri at (609) 924-5897, Len Scott at (908) 369-6772, Steve Demko at (609) 359-4349, Dot Moore at 732-297-2230, or Pete Whisman at (609) 466-0296.

Patriots Travel Baseball Has Player Openings

The Princeton Patriots travel baseball team is seeking additional players for its fall 2005 and spring 2006 programs.

Individuals age 12 and under are welcome. For more information, contact Paul Horan at (609) 921-5257 or paul.horan@sun.com.

MSM Baseball League Forming Fall Teams

The MSM Baseball League of New Jersey is currently forming new teams for the upcoming fall season.

Individuals and/or teams ages 18 years and up of any skill level are welcome. The program includes five leagues and features a 10-game season followed by playoffs. The season starts in early September.

For more information, contact Dave at (973) 699-8336 or via e-mail at MABL3@msn .com. In addition, details are available on the league's website at www.amateurbaseballnj.com.

MetroStars Offering Development School

The MetroStars of Major League Soccer said last week that the Lawrenceville Hamnett Soccer Association will be host to one of the club's fall season Regional Development Schools.

The eight-week program will be held at Yeger Field on Friday nights between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. starting on September 16. The training sessions will focus in the development of individual techniques and tactics in game-related settings.

The program is open to boys and girls ages 8-14 who are competing at the travel level or higher. Each site is limited to 36 players and will have a professional instructor to player ratio of 1:12. To find out more information about the program or to register, visit www.metrostars.com or call 1-800-680-6272.

Rec Department Holding S.A.F.E.T.Y. Coaches Clinic

The Princeton Recreation Department and the Princeton Soccer Association will offer the Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. Clinic (Sports Awareness For Educating Today's Youth) on August 31. The clinic will run from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and will be held in the main meeting room of the Princeton Township Municipal building.

The Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. Clinic is based upon the "Minimum Standards for Volunteer Coaches Safety Orientation and Training Skills Programs" (N.J.A.C. 5:52).

To register or to get more information, call the Rec Department office at (609) 921-9480. Interested coaches must call the Rec Department to register. The fee is $25 per coach, payable at the door by check or cash. Registration is limited.

Softball Tournament Seeking Teams

The Jersey Classic Fast Pitch World and State Tournament is seeking 14-and-under and 16-and-under girls' fast pitch teams.

Teams entering the tournament will have the opportunity to qualify for state and world tournaments. The teams will be guaranteed four games on the weekend of September 17-18.

For more information, call (732) 382-4610 or e-mail Johngsbl@aol.com.

Middlesex Baseball League Seeking Travel Teams

The Middlesex County fall recreational metal bat league is seeking town travel teams with players aged 10 to 18 for the upcoming fall season.

The league features a schedule of 20 games with weekend doubleheaders. The league will play from September 11 to October 23. The league offers placement for full teams and individual players looking for a team.

For more information, call (732) 382-4610 or e-mail johngsbl@aol.com.

VIEWFINDERS: Scott McCall, left, and Jim Lee, right, of Princeton and Frank Bonner of Millstone, center, use periscopes to see over the crowd during the PGA Championship held earlier this month at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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OBITUARIES

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John N. Bahcall

John Norris Bahcall, 70, of Princeton, died August 17 in his sleep in New York City, surrounded by his family. He was the Richard Black Professor of Astrophysics in the School of Natural Sciences at the Institute for Advanced Study, a recipient of the National Medal of Science, president of the American Astronomical Society, president-elect of the American Physical Society, and a prominent leader of the astrophysics community.

Born in Shreveport, La., he began his first year at Louisiana State University convinced he wanted to study philosophy and perhaps become a rabbi. He soon decided that physics, and eventually astronomy, best-suited a lifelong "quest for the truth." He transferred to the University of California at Berkeley, where he received his A.B. in 1956. He received an M.S. from the University of Chicago in 1957, and a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1961. He was a Research Fellow at Indiana University before joining the faculty at Cal Tech, where he was strongly influenced by leading physics and astronomy luminaries such as Richard Feynman, Murray Gell-man, and William Fowler.

Dr. Bahcall's long and prolific career in astronomy and astrophysics spanned five decades and the publication of more than 500 technical papers, books, and articles. He came to the Institute in 1968 as a Member. He was appointed to the faculty in 1971, and had served as the Richard Black Professor since 1997.

Director of the Institute Peter Goddard said, "John Bahcall was a true pioneer in the fields of astronomy and astrophysics. His contributions have had an indelible impact. Always generous with his time, he was an inspirational teacher and mentor who shaped the careers of a generation of scientists. His passing is deeply felt at the Institute."

Dr. Bahcall's most recognized scientific contribution was his proposal in 1964, together with Raymond Davis Jr., that scientific mysteries of our sun — how it shines, how old it is, how hot it is — could be examined by measuring the number of neutrinos arriving on earth from the sun. Neutrinos, elementary particles that travel at nearly the speed of light, are produced as by-products of the nuclear fusion reactions that power stars. Measuring their properties tests scientists' understanding of how stars shine and their understanding of fundamental particle physics.

Observations by Mr. Davis in the 1960s and 1970s revealed a clear discrepancy between Dr. Bahcall's predictions, based on standard solar and particle physics models, and what was measured experimentally. This discrepancy, known as the Solar Neutrino Puzzle, was examined by hundreds of physicists, chemists, and astronomers over the next three decades. In the 1990s new large-scale neutrino experiments in Japan, Italy, and Russia culminated in the conclusion that the discrepancy between Dr. Bahcall's predictions and experimental results required a modification of the understanding of particle physics: neutrinos must have a mass and oscillate between different particle states. Those results led to the 2004 Nobel Prize being awarded to the leaders of the American and Japanese neutrino experiments, Mr. Davis and Masatoshi Koshiba.

Dr. Bahcall contributed to many areas of astrophysics in addition to neutrino astrophysics, including the interpretation of quasar absorption lines, the study of dark matter in the universe, and the identification of the first neutron star companion.

He created the astronomy group at the Institute for Advanced Study, which became the leading training ground in the country for post-graduate researchers. He also helped establish the astronomy groups at the Weizmann Institute and Tel Aviv University of Israel, among others. He derived great pleasure from building a culture and community that attracted, encouraged, and stimulated the best young scientists.

A driving force in the astronomy and scientific community of the United States, Dr. Bahcall, together with Lyman Spitzer, led the effort to create the Hubble Space Telescope in the 1970s. He also chaired the National Academy of Science committee that created the decade roadmap for U.S. astronomy research, which came to be known as the Bahcall Report; and served as president of the American Astronomical Society from 1990 to 2002 and as president-elect of the American Physical society this past year. He was active in many areas of science policy relating to astronomy and physics, chairing numerous committees of the National Academy of Science, the U.S. National Committee of the International Astronomical Union and the National Underground Science Laboratory Committee, and advising or serving on Congressional committees.

His numerous awards and prizes included the 1998 National Medal of Science, the Hans Bethe Prize of the American Physical Society, the Dan David Prize of Israel, the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society, the Fermi Award (with Raymond Davis), and the Benjamin Franklin Medal in Physics (with Raymond Davis and Masatoshi Koshiba). He received honorary doctorates from University of Pennsylvania, University of Chicago, University of Notre Dame, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the University of Milano. He had been a member of the National Academy of Sciences since 1976.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Neta Bahcall, a professor of astrophysics at Princeton University; two sons, Dr. Safi Bahcall and Dr. Dan Bahcall; a daughter, Dr. Orli Bahcall; and a brother, Robert, of Baton Rouge, La.

126224

Thomas A. Lies

Thomas Andrew Lies, 76, of Princeton, died August 16 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Rahway.

Born in Oak Park, Ill., he grew up in the Chicago suburb of Riverside. He became a resident of Montgomery Township in 1961.

He earned a B.S. degree from John Carroll University, an M.S. degree from the University of Chicago, and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

From 1951 to 1953, he served in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps at Bethesda, Md. He then worked as a research chemist with American Cyanamid Company in Princeton from 1959 to 1997.

An avid amateur winemaker who made wine from French grapes he grew in a vineyard behind his home, he also loved classical music, reading, gardening, woodworking, and travel. His family treasured his intelligence, wit, courage, and integrity.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Betty Bonham Lies; a daughter, Elaine Lies of Tokyo, Japan; a son, Brian of Duxbury, Mass.; a brother, Mark; and a sister, Mary Jo Cantwell.

Interment will be private. A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kimbie Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity, 601 N. Clinton Avenue, Trenton 08638.

126225

Mary Ellen McNulty

Mary Ellen McNulty, 69, of Princeton, died August 18 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in New York City, she had been a resident of Princeton since 1963.

A graduate of the College of New Rochelle, she was an adjunct instructor at Trenton State College. She retired in 1997 with 27 years of service as a teacher with the Lawrence Township Board of Education.

She was a member of St. Paul's Church.

Wife of the late Theodore P. McNulty, she is survived by a son, Theodore III of Lawrenceville; a brother, Michael Ahearn, and a sister, Patricia Sheerin, both of Southhampton, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held August 20 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton 08540.

126226

Carolyn Rosenblum

Carolyn Witter Steenrod Rosenblum, 90, of Newtown, Pa., formerly of Princeton, died August 16.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., she was the daughter of Charles Witter and Katherine Janes Witter.

She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in Art and French, and a teaching certification. A gifted artist, she also earned a degree from the Art Institute of Chicago and worked for a time as a commercial artist in Chicago.

An animal lover, she met her first husband, Norman Steenrod, when she went to see his dog's new puppies. They eventually settled in Princeton, where Mr. Steenrod was a professor of mathematics at Princeton University.

In addition to raising her two children and caring for her aging mother in her home, she was active in many organizations, including the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, the Present Day Club, the University League, and the American Association of University Women.

An accomplished pianist, she enjoyed playing duets with Mr. Steenrod. They also shared interests in opera, bridge, tennis, and travel abroad. After Mr. Steenrod's death in 1971, she worked as a librarian in the Mathematics Library at Princeton University.

In 1973, she married Charles Rosenblum, a chemist at Merck Pharmaceuticals, who also taught at Princeton. He joined her interests with enthusiasm, singing as she played the piano, drawing alongside her in art classes, and accompanying her on sketching trips to Italy and other countries. They enjoyed their retirement together at Pennswood Village in Newtown. Throughout her life, she expressed her artistic creativity in art and music, but was always happiest when hostessing a gathering of those she loved.

She is survived by a daughter, Katherine Steenrod Goodson of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a son, Charles Lindsay Steenrod of Costa Mesa, Calif.; four stepchildren including Caroline Moseley of Princeton; four grandsons; and eight step-grandchildren.

Interment and a memorial service will take place at a later date in St. Louis.

126227

Memorial Service For Paul Chesebro

A memorial service in honor of Paul R. Chesebro, who died June 20, will be held at Nassau Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, August 31, at 2 p.m. A reception immediately following the service will be held at The Hun School of Princeton. Both are open to the public.

Dr. Chesebro, a former headmaster of The Hun School from 1951 to 1976, also served 12 years as magistrate of the Princeton Municipal Court and 24 years as a trustee of the Princeton Family YMCA.

Religion

The **Compassionate Friends, Mercer Chapter** meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Occupational Health Center, Building 2, in front of Robert Wood Johnson Hospital on Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Road in Hamilton. The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families in the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age, and to provide information to help others be supportive.

For more information, call Lisa Linkowsky at (609) 516-8047.

JAMES N. GOODENOUGH

James N. Goodenough, 44, died suddenly on Monday, August 15, while playing tennis. Born in Brooklyn, NY, he had been a resident of the Hopewell Valley, NJ and Bucks County, PA area for many years.

Jamie spent his first 11 years in Massapequa, Long Island, New York, before his family moved to the Pennington, NJ area. He graduated from Hopewell Valley Central High School in 1978 and went on to study at the University of Rochester and then at the University's Simon School of Business, earning a Master's in Business Administration. He lived in the Rochester area for about 17 years before moving to Bucks County eight years ago, so that he could be closer to his parents and to his sister's family.

Jamie was self-employed in a business where his passion for genealogical research could be used to generously help others recover lost assets.

He was loved and will be deeply missed by many family and friends, including his mother, Mary Payne Goodenough (Furlong); sister Christine Anne Roberts and her husband Barry B. Blount, of Washington Crossing, PA; brother Charles Darwin Goodenough and his wife Marina Inez Poropat, of Los Angeles, CA; and his nieces and nephews: Alexandra Maria Goodenough, August Bruno Donato Goodenough, Nadia Ghani, Caitlin Payne Roberts and Kyle Donald Roberts. James was predeceased by his father, Donald R. Goodenough, and infant brother David Goodenough.

Jamie was a great friend to many many people. He was a catalyst for get togethers and trips, always planning something and including everyone. He was an avid and accomplished tennis player throughout his life. He was a thoughtful advisor and a brilliant thinker and writer. He was always concerned, interested and involved. Never mediocre, his generosity and his devotions to his family and his friendships were dependable, full of integrity and totally honest.

The family will receive friends on Saturday morning from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Blackwell Memorial Home, 21 N. Main St., Pennington, NJ. A Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 noon. A private reception will follow.

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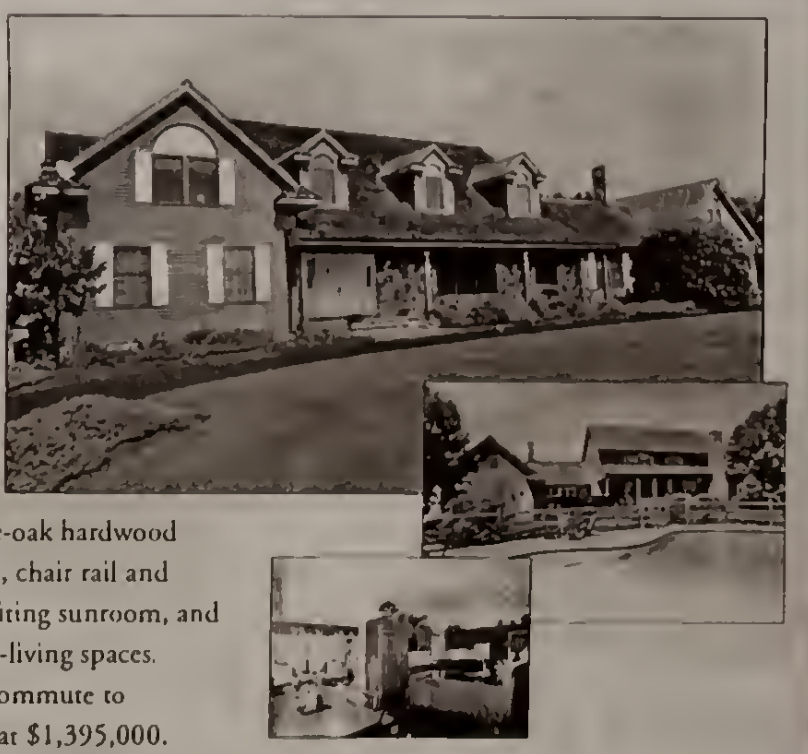

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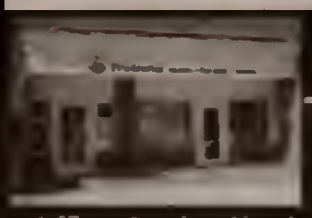

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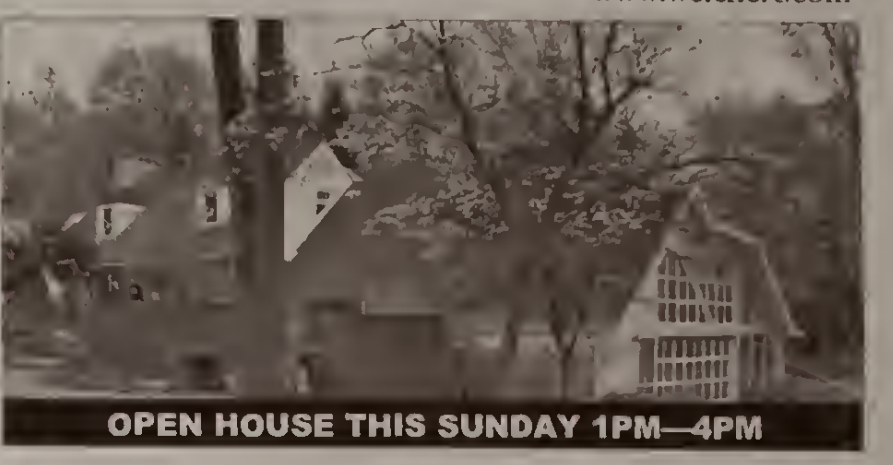

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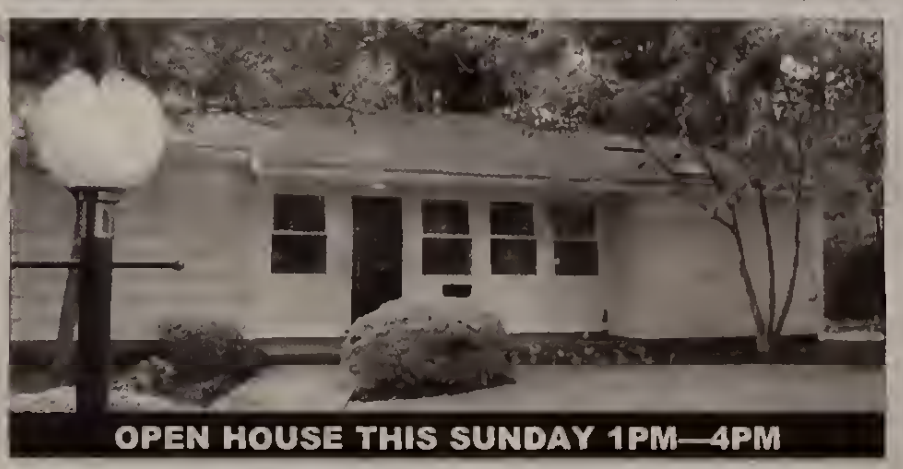

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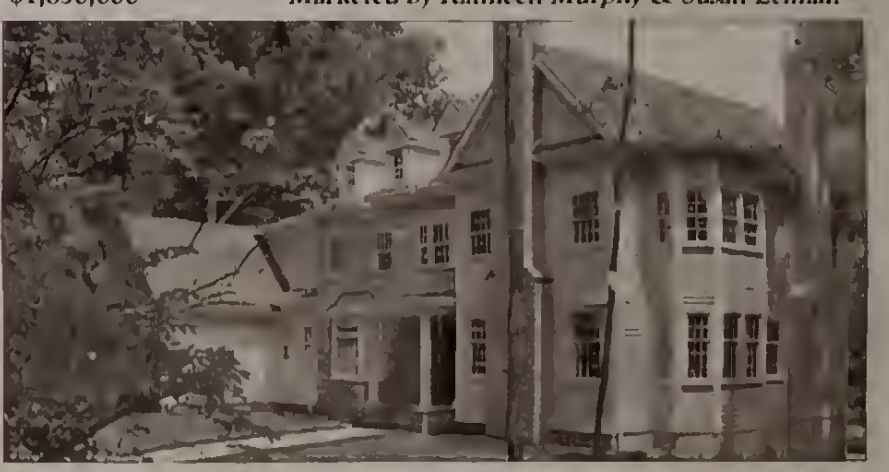

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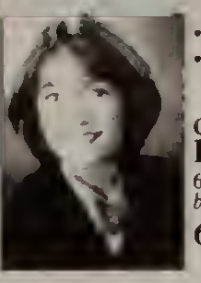

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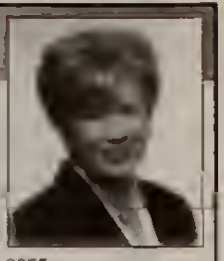

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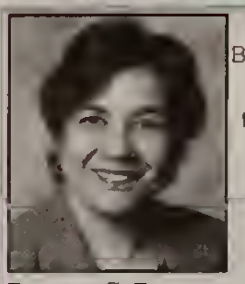

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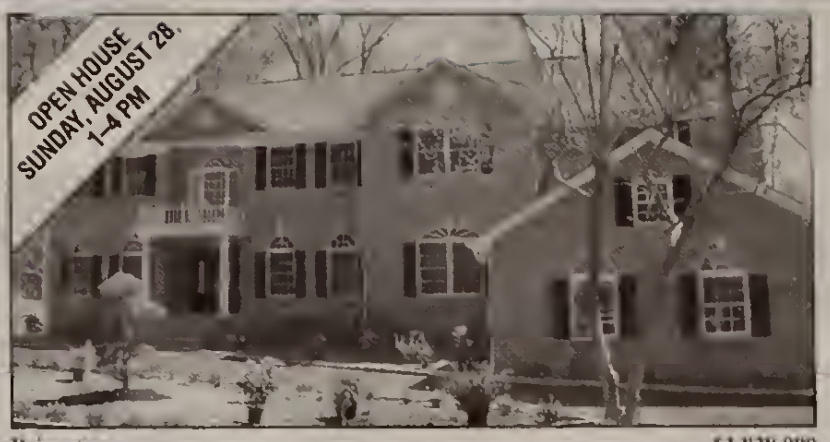

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A MISSION TO REMEMBER: Four area students and Princeton mothers recently took a 10-day mission trip to Antigua, Guatemala, where they volunteered their services to help those in need. Shown here, from left, are: Aaron Maltby, 17, and Christina Jones, 17, of Princeton High School; Ellen Clarke, 16, of the Lawrenceville School; Ellen Pitts; Beth Van Hoeven; Leah Munnelly, 17, of Garden City, N.Y.; and Nancy Jones. The group is pictured in New Hope, a town north of Guatemala City, where a school for 600 children in being built with the assistance of funding from a mission organization called Common Hope.

Students Join in "Common Hope" To Aid in Mission to Guatemala

A group of four area teens and three Princeton mothers recently embarked on a 10-day mission trip to Guatemala, where they volunteered their services to families in need of assistance.

Those who participated in the trip, which took place this month, included Beth Van Hoeven, and her son, Aaron Maltby, 17, of Princeton High School; Christina Jones, 17, of PHS, and her mother, Nancy Jones; Ellen Clarke, 16, of Lawrenceville Prep School; and Leah Munnelly, 17, of Garden City, N.Y.

The trip was spearheaded by Ms. Van Hoeven, through the organization Common Hope, which helps improve the living standards of families and communities in the towns surrounding Antigua, Guatemala. The organization does this by providing education, health care, and housing to those in need.

Common Hope currently has sponsors for approximately 2,000 children, said Ms. Van Hoeven. Sponsors provide $60 a month, which helps pay for schooling (education is not free there), school supplies, medication, and food.

"You can't underestimate the support a sponsorship gives a child," said Ms. Van Hoeven, adding that the relationship between a sponsor and a child often motivates him or her to stay in school.

Ms. Jones, one of the Princeton volunteers, and her daughter, Christina, sponsor a Guatemalan girl they were able to meet while they were on the trip. Since their return, Ms. Jones is looking to sponsor another child through an area Girl Scout Troop.

One of the missions of Common Hope is to educate children on the importance of education, as well as the importance of being careful and responsible when it comes to sex, as many Guatemalans have large families and start rather young, said Ms. Van Hoeven.

"It's hard for kids to finish sixth grade in Guatemala," she said, noting that most children don't even dream of graduating from high school.

On a Mission

The group stayed in Antigua, near 14 pueblos, or small villages, where Guatemalans reside. The women and students would go in pairs with volunteers of Common Hope, to make house calls at various residences. Because families don't have phones, they must live within walking or bus riding distance of the Common Hope facilities in order to take advantage of its services, said Ms. Van Hoeven.

The volunteers stayed at Common Hope's facility, which was equipped with a medical clinic, a social workers' office, and a school. At night the entire facility would shut down, except for the dormitory-type area where the group was staying.

During three of their days in Antigua, the group worked on building a home for a Guatemalan family. The structure was built to be movable, and consisted of slabs, which they made by mixing and pouring cement.

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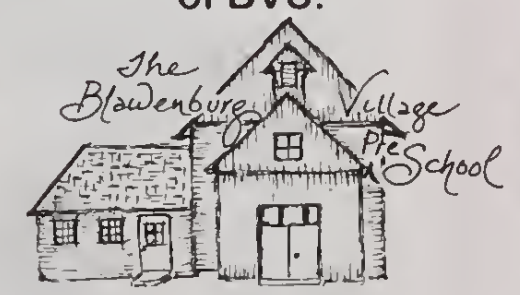

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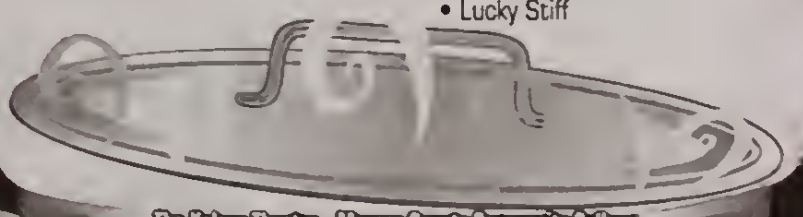

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SEWING SOLUTIONS: Ellen Clark, 16, of the Lawrenceville School, helps make curtains for the homes of Guatemalan families, many of whom have never learned to do such tasks on their own. While on a mission trip in Antigua, Guatemala, Ellen also taught some of the women how to make their own skirts, based on a pattern she used for her own clothes.

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grounds, doing on-site construction, and helping build a home for another family in need.

During their trip, the students also had the opportunity to share their talents with the Guatemala natives. Aaron, a pianist, was able to share his musical talent with some of the women of the village, and Ellen, a seamstress who sews some of her own clothing, taught the women how to make skirts and curtains for their homes.

"[Common Hope's] goal is to make these families self-sufficient," said Ms. Van Hoeven.

On one of their last days in Antigua, the group brought out disposable cameras and taught some of the Guatemalans how to photograph one another, as well as the land in which they live.

"They had a hard time seeing the beauty because they live in it," said Ms. Van Hoeven, describing Guatemala as "one of the most beautiful places on earth."

A Missionary At Heart

A volunteer with various missions over the years, Ms. Van Hoeven first got involved with work similar to what Common Hope does when she went with her father on a trip as a teenager.

"It's impossible to go to that country and not go back ... it

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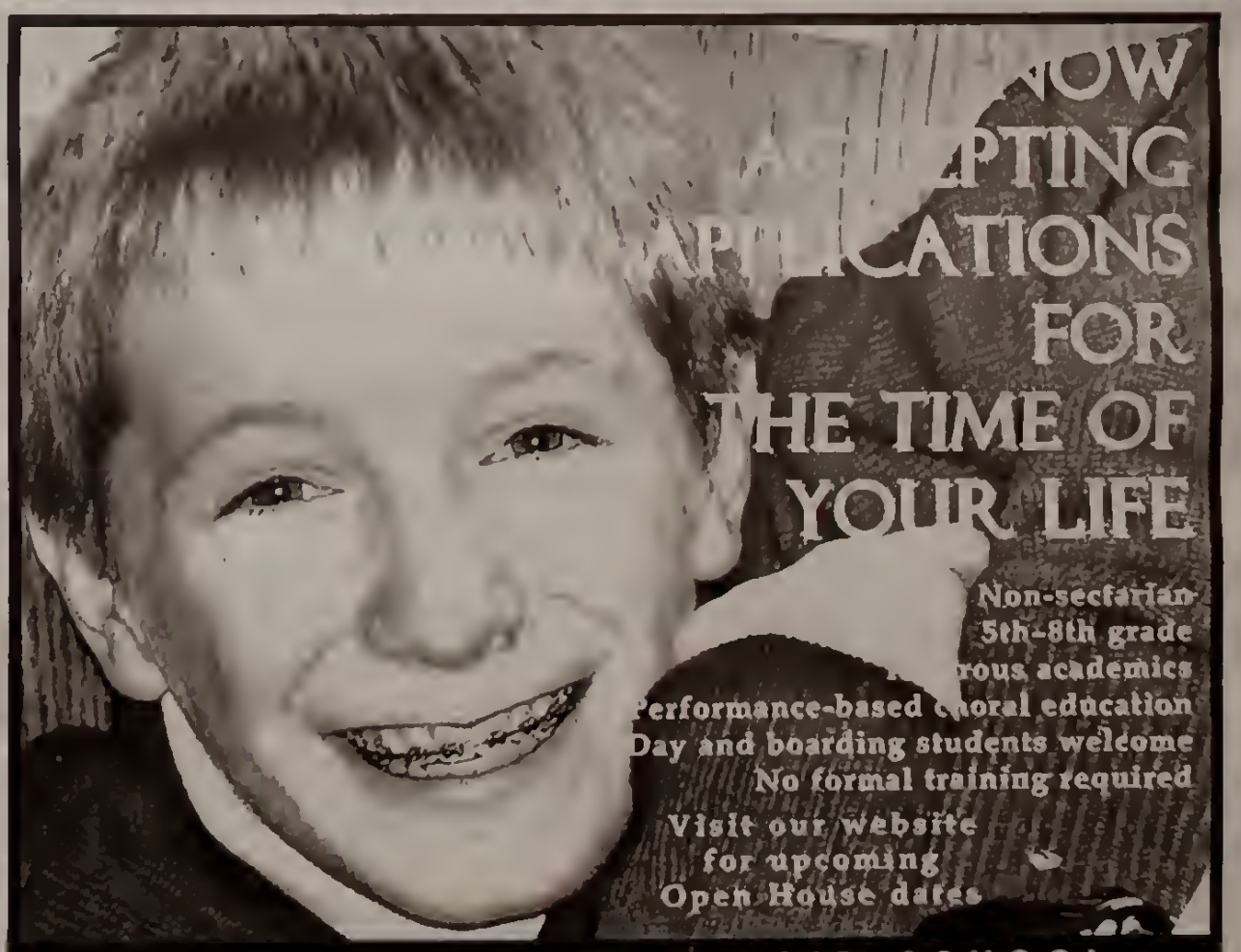

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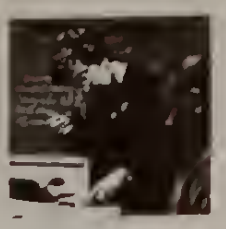

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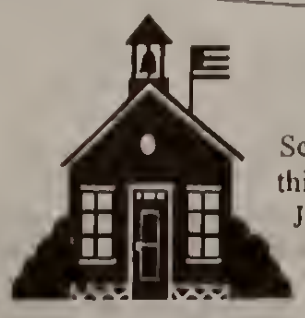

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The program...	Our District is expanding its preschool programming for the next school year. There are 72 spaces in the entire program. There will be two morning sessions and two afternoon sessions with 18 students per session. The District's preschool program is based on the model of an "integrated" classroom serving four year olds, including those with special needs and those who are eligible for the free - reduced price lunch program. Special-education services, including speech and occupational therapy, will be provided for students who are eligible, but all students benefit from the staff's expertise.
Where will the program be held?	Johnson Park (JP) and Riverside (RS) Schools will each have an integrated preschool classroom.
Will transportation be provided?	Yes
Who is eligible for the program?	Any four-year old who lives within the Princeton Regional Schools' attendance area and will be four years old by September 30, 2005 is eligible to attend.
Is there a tuition cost for the program?	There will be no charge. The program's costs are covered by District funds approved in an April, 2005 ballot question and state grant funds through the N.J. Department of Education's Early Launch to Learning Initiative (ELLI).
When do I apply for the program?	**As of August 15, 2005 there are limited spaces available – please return completed applications as soon as possible.**
When my child's application is approved, what documents shall I need to register my child?	1. For *Proof of Residency*, we shall accept the following documents: ✓ Deed showing ownership of residential property within the district ✓ Lease for an apartment or lease in effect for the current school year or to begin within 60 days of the date of enrollment (child should be listed on the lease). ✓ Contract for the purchase of a residential property within the district (settlement within 60 days of enrollment). ✓ A valid driver's license and tax, gas, or electric bills may be considered. ✓ A NOTARIZED letter from the landlord stating proof of residency (if no other proofs are available). 2. The child's *ORIGINAL birth certificate* 3. The child's *COMPLETE immunization record* 4. Proof of income, if applying for free and reduced-price meals 5. Any formal court documents demonstrating proof of custody for a child, if applicable
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Funding for our District's Integrated Preschool Program provided by Princeton Regional Schools and NJ Dept. of Education's Early Launch to Learning Initiative (ELLI).
For additional information, please call 806-4203.

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made a huge impression on me," she said.

Her most recent trip to the country was over Christmas in 2004, when she volunteered there for five weeks with her two daughters, who enrolled in a Spanish school during their stay.

"The more I was there, the more impressed I was with the work they did," she said. "This organization is just reaching out in so many ways."

Recruiting for her recent trip with students was more difficult this time, because of recent terrorist incidents around the world, she said.

It didn't help that the government in Guatemala is corrupt, and that there are daily incidents of violence in and around the cities. Having gone to the country in the past, however, Ms. Van Hoeven knew that Common Hope took precautions to ensure the safety of volunteers, including telling tourists to stay off certain roads at the times of day when robberies typically occur.

"I was confident that we'd be fine," she said, comparing the danger in Guatemale comparable to walking around New York City alone at night.

Ms. Van Hoeven said she hopes to lead another mission trip in a few years, following the success of this summer's journey.

"Common Hope believes education can bring hope and opportunity," said Ms. Van Hoeven, noting the impact that the trip had on her own teenaged son.

"Helping people was very gratifying" said Aaron, admitting that upon arrival the students were shocked by what they saw, but the trip was a great learning experience, and one that he feels his fellow classmates should consider taking in the future.

For more information on Common Hope or to learn how to become a sponsor, visit www.commonhope.org, or contact Beth Van Hoeven at (609) 924-2548, or send an email to bvanhoev@msn.com.

—Candace Braun

BUILDING DREAMS: Aaron Maltby, 17, a student at Princeton High School, recently travelled to Antigua, Guatemala with his mother and other teens to help on a mission trip with the organization Common Hope. Shown here is Aaron carrying a slab of cement to be used in the making of a 12-by-16 foot home for a Guatemalan family. The entire process of building the home took three days.

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PHS graduate, Yeni Lopez was awarded the second annual PACF Louise Maas Health Professions Scholarship. Miss Lopez will be studying nursing at Mercer County Community College. This scholarship was established in 1977 by the Princeton Business and Professional Women Club in memory of its member, Louise Maas. During her tenure with the club, Ms. Maas actively encouraged scholarships to prepare women for the health professions. Prior to closing its doors in 2004, the club transferred the scholarship fund to PACF to ensure its continuation.

The Sidd Kramer Award for Excellence in Music was presented to Laurel Kanawyer, a resident of Cranbury and graduate of PHS. Ms. Kanawyer was selected by the fine arts department at PHS for her excellence as a tenor saxophone player. She will attend the University of Washington at Seattle Honors Program.

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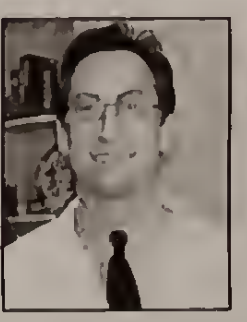

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BACK TO SCHOOL SHOES: Andrew Moss will be ready for his first day of kindergarten at Johnson Park School with his new sneakers from Hulits. Bernadette Maguire makes sure the shoe is a good fit. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

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Healthy Life-style and Eating Choices Can Deter Rising Childhood Obesity

It's not just about diet; it's not just about exercise. It is about a healthy life-style, which will include healthy eating, appropriate exercise, and positive interaction with family and friends.

In an effort to stem the tide of rising childhood obesity, any number of remedies have been suggested — cut down the calories, cut out fast food, cut off the computer and TV; get to the gym, swimming pool, tennis court, etc.

All of these are helpful, but as Joyce Hofmann, owner of Princeton Weight Loss Program, points out, it must be a coordinated approach that addresses and alters a child's life-style.

"The problems we see are really the result of life-style. Computers, video games, instant messaging, TV — life has become very sedentary. These kids get no exercise.

"Making changes has to be part of the family dynamic, with parents being very supportive, making sure there are healthy food choices available. Kids have to be willing to accept life-style and eating changes, more exercise, and behavior modification. I tell the kids this is a life-altering experience. This is a gift to yourself."

Dr. Mark Levin of the Pediatric Group agrees. "The first step in dealing with any issue is to get the family to recognize it in a non-judgemental way, and then say 'We can deal with it.'"

Positive Solutions

Rather than emphasizing the negatives, he suggests focusing on positive solutions, such as "a healthier life-style, more exercise, limiting TV and computer time. If a kid is interested in swimming, let him or her join the Y or a club with a pool.

"Parents must be pro-active in this. If they don't want kids to eat something, don't bring it into the house; if they want their kid to exercise, join in a program together. Parents are the most important role model. Peers are significant, but not as important as parental influence."

Children can be overweight, even at the ages of three and four, he adds. "Sometimes, they are picky eaters, and parents don't always insist they eat healthy choices and give them cookies. There are a lot of reasons, including the path of least resistance. Also, as they get older, kids are very susceptible to the super-sized portions so common today in fast food restaurants."

Adds Victoria Pawlowski, nutritionist and registered dietician with Wild Oats, the nationwide chain of natural and organic food markets: "The focus should be on health and wellness as opposed to weight. Create an environment that is supportive. The job of a parent is to bring in healthy food. There

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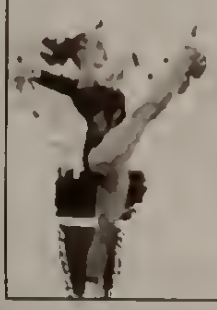

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should be every day food and 'sometimes' food, the latter including chocolate or ice cream, and other special treats. We don't want people to be deprived, but to be sensible and enjoy their food.

"Also," she continues, "we should slow down and enjoy good food. That is one way to help kids enjoy healthy eating, help them develop a love of good food, and help prevent childhood weight disturbances. When kids are raised on fast food, they don't develop a taste for a wide variety of food. The taste and texture of fast food are the same, and of course, you tend to eat it fast. Take time to eat together as a family and enjoy the meal."

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The difference is the numbers. What is of concern today is the nationwide *rise* in childhood obesity and the concurrent health risks it poses, both now and later in life.

According to the American Obesity Association, "There has been an increase in the incidence and prevalence of medical conditions in children and adolescents that had been rare in the past. Pediatricians and childhood obesity researchers are reporting more frequent cases of obesity-related diseases such as Type 2 diabetes and hypertension that were once considered adult conditions.

"Studies of children with obesity show higher than average blood pressure, heart rate and cardiac output when compared to children without obesity. Type 2 diabetes risk factors involve glucose intolerance and insulin levels that are higher than average."

Other possible problems include orthopedic difficulties as well as psychological issues, such as poor self-esteem, negative self-image, depression, and withdrawal from peers.

The National Heart Association reports that nationwide, according to 1999-2000 data, the prevalence of overweight children, ages six to 11, increased from 4.2 percent to 15.3 percent compared with data for 1963-65. The prevalence of overweight adolescents, aged 12 to 19, increased from 4.6 percent to 15.5 percent.

When defining excessive weight and obesity in children and adolescents, it is important to consider both weight and body composition, explains the National Heart Association. The body mass index (BMI) formula assesses weight relative to height. It is a useful, indirect measure of body composition because for most people, it correlates highly with body fat. A body mass index over the 95th percentile has arbitrarily been used to define obesity.

The incidence of childhood obesity can vary substantially from location and group. For example, the American Heart Association notes that approximately 40 percent of children in Texas are overweight and obese. Overweight and obesity rates for Texas fourth graders are about double the national average for the same age group.

Not only do overweight and obese children have a higher

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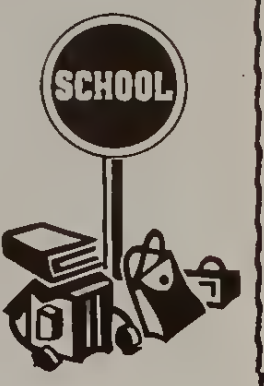
Healthy & Fun Lunch

Turkey, Veggie & Cheese Wrap

Ingredients:
4 oz. sliced or cubed turkey breast
1 cup shredded iceberg lettuce
1 cubed tomato
1 shredded carrot
2 tblsp. low fat ranch dressing
1 cup low fat shredded cheddar cheese
1 8 inch flour tortillas



Place turkey breast across the center of the tortilla. Combine tomato, lettuce, ranch dressing, and carrot. Place vegetables on top of turkey, add cheddar cheese and roll up tortilla.

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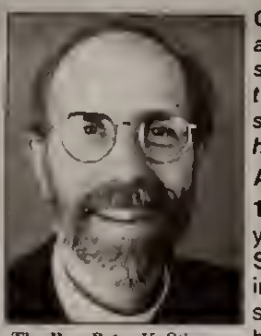

The Rev. Peter K. Stimpson

QUESTION: ***Oh God, the kids are going back to school, and schlepping them from activity to activity has them and me absolutely overloaded! Can you help me?***

ANSWER:

1. STRESS IN MY CHILD? Are you pushing your child too hard? Some parents, with the best of intentions, may unwittingly over schedule their children in the hope of giving them an edge over their peers in our competitive society. Sadly, 1 out of 3 children suffer from stress-related illnesses.

2. SIGNS OF OVERLOAD: The goal is not to avoid structured time, but rather to not overdo it. Here are some behavioral signs of overload: physical symptoms (headache, stomachache), being tired and falling asleep in class, being irritable and agitated, grades dropping, cheating on tests, less interest in activities, preferring to stay home and being more dependent on you.

3. SOLUTIONS:

a. ***Find a Balance:*** Limit the number of activities, providing time to play and just "be a kid".

b. ***Realize the Benefits of Play:*** Encourages creativity & independent problem solving, improves social skills, and relieves stress.

c. ***Take a Day of Rest:*** Make 1 day per week free of activities, giving you and your children a well-deserved break — sort of a non-religious Sabbath.

d. ***Choose Gifted Programs that are Gifted:*** More work, but less creativity, will make matters worse.

e. ***Choose Sports that Build Self-Esteem:*** While teaching teamwork and cooperation are fine, equating worth with performance, and having a coach or teammates who berate your child are not. Ask your child the simple question: Are you having fun?

f. ***Examine Yourself:*** Is your child overloaded because you are overloaded? Consider escaping pressure yourself rather than feeding it to your child. Being pushed to be the smartest, most athletic, fashionable, thin and popular kid in the class has been shown to push kids away from being happy. Perhaps examining your own view of life might help.

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risk for hypertension and Type 2 diabetes, they may also be at risk for kidney problems, heart disease, and certain types of cancer.

Serious Issue

While recognizing that it can vary from place to place and group to group, many experts believe childhood obesity is an epidemic, requiring immediate attention.

"This is a serious issue for the society," observes Dr. Levin, who has practiced in Princeton for 28 years. "The more overweight people are, the more illnesses there will be, resulting in more healthcare and higher healthcare costs. It can stress the system."

"I have seen many more seriously overweight kids in the past five years," reports Joyce Hofmann, who treats both adults and children, ages 12 and up. "It is an epidemic."

Diana Mintz, a personal trainer at Momentum Fitness, who offers a fitness program for children 10 and older, agrees. "It is really getting to be an epidemic, and we have an opportunity to do something about it. These kids need a program that will make them want to exercise all their life."

"Don't blame the kids," adds Victoria Pawlowski. "The society has created a culture that puts kids in front of a TV, video games, and provides fast food. When you look at food and eating habits today, you wonder what happened to food sense."

The good news is that with the availability of weight loss and exercise programs, counseling, improved school lunch programs, and support from family and friends, help is at hand. It will require will power and a new mind-set about food, however. Remember the old adage: eat to live, don't live to eat.

Special Rapport

"They will have to change the way they think about food," notes Joyce Hofmann, who opened Princeton Weight Loss Program 20 years ago. Because of her own history, she has a special rapport with overweight children.

"I was overweight as a kid, and I understand what they are going through. I am fortunate because I can connect with them. It is so difficult for these children. Fat kids are often made fun of at school, and many have judgemental parents, so they become more isolated and miserable."

Working in partnership with a registered dietician, Jane Harris of Cornell University, Ms. Hofmann provides an individualized program, including healthy eating choices, exercise (30 to 40 minutes a day), and one-on-one counseling.

"It is goal-oriented," she explains. "We meet once a week; they will keep a journal, including what they eat and when — I recommend they not eat after 8 p.m. — and their exercise.

"In our conversations, we'll discuss the emotional issues: why they are eating so much. Eating can be a substitute. 'Emotional' eating — if they are unhappy, stressed, or bored. It can be pressure at school and home, problems with friends and family. They

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always know they can call me when they need me."

Since the goal is altering the way one looks at food, no foods are off limits. "I don't believe in taking away everything because they will feel deprived. There is no food you can't eat, as long as it is in "moderation. I also recommend two snacks a day, and parents can be supportive by being positive and getting the food out and ready. Providing healthy snacks like apples and other fruit, and making it look appetizing is so helpful. For example, cut up an apple and add a little honey to it."

Success Stories

Ms. Hoffman points out that progress is often evident the first week, frequently with a 3 to 5-pound weight loss. Patience, perseverance, and motivation are crucial.

"It can take a year," she says. "These are life changes. And, once they have reached their goal, there is also a free maintenance program when they can come in for weigh-ins and talk. There have been wonderful success stories with boys and girls losing up to 30 pounds. It changes their life. They see that they can accomplish something difficult, and they gain so much more self-confidence. I emphasize that this has to be on-going. They must exercise more and take in less, and the kids get it."

Dr. Levin emphasizes the need for continual reinforcement. "When there are successes, the kids continue to need approval and positive reinforcement, for even the small improvements. This is very important."

Parents can also lead by example, notes Sharon Gonzalez, a nurse for 25 years and school nurse at the Grover Middle School in West Windsor for five years. "If I felt there was a problem with kids being overweight or having high blood pressure, I was required to notify their parents and suggest an appropriate diet. Unfortunately, many times the parents were also overweight and didn't always take the advice."

On the other hand, she reports, when the school lunch program added healthier choices, including a salad bar, she was pleased to see a surprising number of students choose a salad.

Positive steps have also been taken in Diana Mintz's exercise program, which she began this past year with a group of girls aged 12 to 15. "A number of mothers had come up to me, saying that their kids were not involved in sports at school, and concerned that they were gaining weight. They asked if there was an exercise program for them.

Fun Exercises

"I started a program that I hoped was something they could continue to enjoy throughout their lives. First, we'd warm up with metabolic exercise, run around the gym, work with the medicine ball, and walk on the treadmill. We also had spin classes and aquatic exercises in the pool.

"The girls were concerned about their weight," she continues, "and I said you can do this. These are a lot of fun exercises. I want you to love this, to have it become a way of life. We also discussed nutrition and the importance of a healthy, balanced diet.

"I have two kids myself, and for me, this is so exciting. I love being with kids. I love

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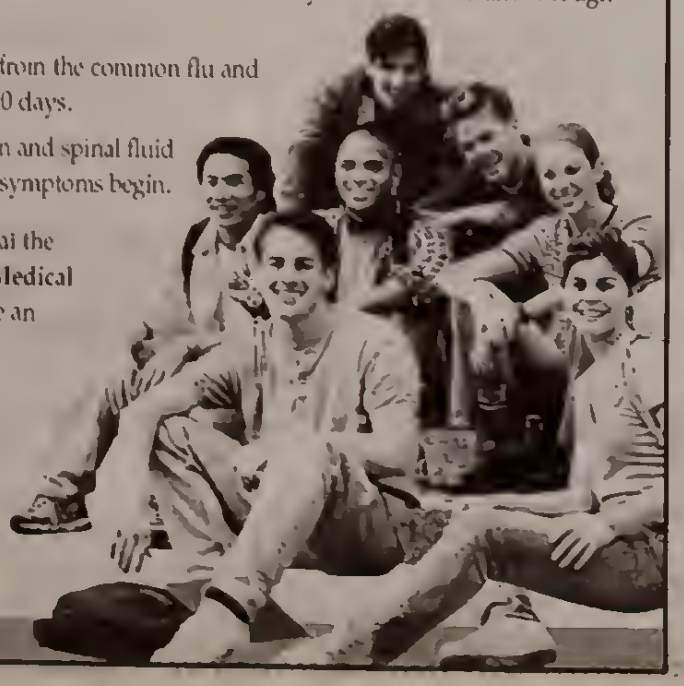

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what they get out of the program and seeing them gain much more self-esteem and self-confidence."

The program will start again Wednesday, September 14 at 4 p.m., with one-hour sessions for six weeks and a maximum of 15 in a class. Boys and girls, aged 10 and up, can join.

Healthy diet and exercise are equally important in the school environment, and schools have been working to incorporate the recently updated U.S. dietary guidelines into their lunch programs. These guidelines recommend that children consume four to six servings of fruits and vegetables, at least three servings of whole grains, and two to three cups of fat-free, low-fat, or equivalent milk products per day. Additionally, the guidelines advise keeping total fat intake between 25 to 35 percent of calories.

As Dr. Levin points out, "School lunch programs need to be healthier, and vending machines with soda, potato chips, and candy bars don't belong in schools."

Healthy Eating

"Schools are ready and willing to work with us and consult with nutritionists," says Victoria Pawlowski. "Wild Oats works with schools around the country to create healthy environments and help them plan healthy eating programs."

In addition, parents can help direct their children to healthier eating choices by providing appetizing lunches to take to school. Packing whole fruit in the child's lunchbox is ideal since it is a great source of fiber. For picky eaters, switching from sodas to 100 percent fruit juice (eight to 12 ounces of 100 percent juice is an easy way to get one or two servings of fruit) is a step in the right direction.

"Offer them choices like organic, squeezable fruit yogurt, low-fat snacks like honey whole wheat pretzels or whole grain crackers," suggests Janet Little, lead nutritionist for Wild Oats Markets. "To make sure they get enough fresh fruits and veggies, cut them into bite-size pieces and pack them along with a healthy dipping sauce."

Make sure the child's sandwich, typically a lunch's main course, stacks up nutritionally. In addition to opting for healthy whole grain breads, choose a lean, natural deli turkey, ham, or roast beef instead of high-fat, antibiotic, and preservative-laden cold cuts.

Harriet Worobey, director of the Nutritional Sciences Pre-School at Rutgers University suggests replacing chips in the lunchbox with a healthy trail mix. "Ask children to measure and pour into a mixing bowl two cups of Chex cereal, Cheerios cereal, and pretzel sticks; half a cup each of sunflower seeds (without shells), raisins, and dried cranberries; and a cup of low-salt Goldfish crackers. Stir the mixture with a wooden spoon and pack into sandwich-size Ziplock bags. The mix should last for several days."

For a new twist on fruit, Ms. Worobey recommends freezing grapes. "Children can help

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wash the grapes and pick them from the stems. Then, put them into the freezer on a baking sheet; after an hour, pack the grapes in sandwich bags and re-freeze. in the morning, put a bag in each lunchbox. They will be chilled and delicious at lunch-time."

"Nutty Banana Boats" are another tasty, healthy treat. Cut a banana in half lengthwise and spread both halves with peanut butter, adding toppings of one teaspoon wheat germ, two teaspoons shredded coconut and two teaspoons raisins.

Kids can help make a homemade popsicle with fruit juice or a mix of vanilla yogurt and orange juice concentrate for a creamsicle. Definitely a cool treat!

More Knowledge

Helping with food preparation is a good way to give children more knowledge about food and healthier eating choices, adds Victoria Pawlowski. "Often, kids don't really know where food comes from. Kids who are exposed to the whole process — shopping for food, helping prepare and cooking it — are often more willing to try new things."

Also, she adds, "Quality is so important. There is nothing wrong with the traditional tuna or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, as long as it is made with good quality ingredients."

Recess and gym classes have long been staples of school programs, and there has been concern recently that physical education has been down-played in some areas. Princeton is fortunate to have a thriving program, reports Dr. Jeff Graber, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for Princeton Regional Schools.

"Princeton Regional Schools has a complete health and education program for grades pre-K to 12. New Jersey has certain mandated programs in these areas, including 150 minutes a week of physical education and health in elementary and middle school. Our physical education program helps to promote the physical well-being of the students. This summer, we had a number of teachers re-write a curriculum for aquatics, and we will put in place an aquatics program for middle school students.

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Dr. Graber adds that if teachers or guidance counselors become aware of students having difficulties, "including emotional or social interaction problems, we contact parents. We also offer counseling with staff members and the child-study team.

Key People

"Starting in September, we will have four new guidance counselors; one for each elementary school. There are three in the middle school, and six at the high school. These are the key people in terms of dealing with social

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AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS

Ants On A Log

Ingredients:
2 celery sticks
6 tblsp. low fat peanut butter
2 tblsp. raisins

Wash the celery and cut it into 5 inch pieces.
Spread peanut butter in U-shaped part of celery, from one end to the other.
Press raisins gently into peanut butter.

Frozen Yogurt Pops

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1 8 oz. container of nonfat yogurt
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and emotional problems and the general well-being of the student."

Brian Dzbenski is a physical education teacher at John Witherspoon Middle School, and he is proud of the current program there.

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Keeping active keeps the pounds off, and that, along with a healthy diet can go a long way towards preventing obesity. If the condition persists, with accompanying emotional problems, however, it is wise to seek the help of qualified psychologists or psychiatrists, note the experts.

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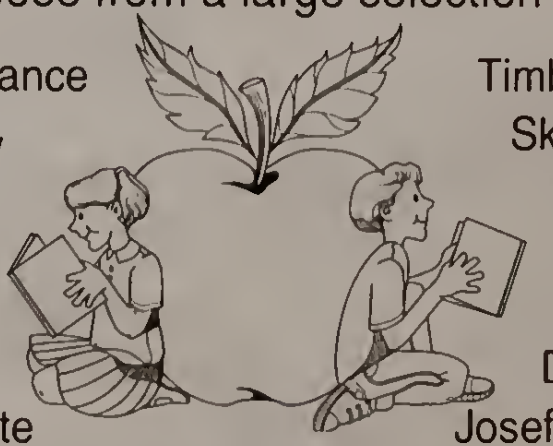

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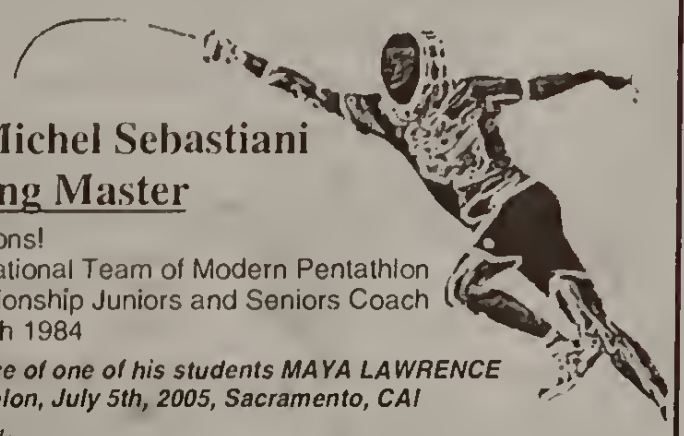

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School Programs Teach Drug and Gang Resistance

The Princeton Township Police department has been speaking with John Witherspoon Principal Bill Johnson about implementing a new 10 week gang resistance program for a fifth or sixth grade class. The program is called GREAT and its premise is similar to the D.A.R.E. (drug abuse resistance education) program but with a gang resistance theme.

The Princeton Township Police Department along with the Princeton Borough Police Department offers the D.A.R.E. program to both public and private schools in the Township and Borough. The program offers preventive strategies to enhance those protective factors — especially bonding to the family, school and community — which may appear to foster the development of resiliency in young people who may be at risk for substance abuse and other problem behaviors.

Researchers have identified certain protective and social bonding factors in the family, school, and community which may foster resiliency in young people, in other words, the capacity of young people for healthy, independent growth in spite of adverse conditions. These strategies focus on the development of social competence, communication skills, self esteem, empathy, decision making, conflict resolution, sense of purpose and independence, and positive alternative activities to drug abuse and other destructive behaviors.

The D.A.R.E. website, www.dare.com, provides the following tips for parents: Establish family rules that make it clear that drug use will not be tolerated.

Educate yourself about drugs, so you can talk informatively with your children and answer their questions. Spend time with your children listening to their concerns and showing how much you love and care for them. Recognize that you are their most important role model. Because peer pressure is a major factor in teen drug use, know your children's friends. Talk with other parents. Try to establish uniform rules that make access to drugs harder, such as curfew and the amount of spending money they receive. If a problem exists, get help! Don't say "Not my child!" Teach them about the many positive alternatives to drug use.

For additional information on the D.A.R.E. or GREAT programs, contact the Princeton Township Police headquarters at (609) 921-2100.

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The Immigrant Experience

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Under Capp's Hill
hy Katherine Ayres.
In 1908, eleven-year-old Innie joins the library club at a settlement house that serves immigrant families of Boston's North End, but when items and money disappear from the settlement house, Innie's past as a troublemaker puts her under suspicion. (Part of the History Mysteries series)
Ju F Ayr M, JU P Ame

Make a Wish, Mally
hy Barhara Cohen.
Molly, who recently emigrated with her family from Russia to New Jersey, learns about birthday parties and who her real friends are. JU F Coh

Radzina
by Karen Cushman.
A twelve-year-old Polish American girl is boarded onto an orphan train in Chicago with fears about traveling to the West and a life of unpaid slavery. JU F Cus

Behind the Mountains
hy Edwidge Danticat.
Writing in the notebook which her teacher gave her, thirteenyear-old Celiane describes life with her mother and brother in Haiti as well as her experiences in Brooklyn after the family finally immigrates there to be reunited with her father. JU Fban, YA F ban

Sa Far From Hame: the diary af Mary briscoll, an Irish mill girl
hy Barry Denenberg.
In the diary account of her joumey from Ireland in 1847 and of her work in a mill in Lowell, Massachusetts, fourteen-year-old Mary reveals a great longing for her family. (Part of the hear America series) JU F ben

Radical Red
hy James Buffy.
The life of a twelve-year-old Irish girl living in Alhany, New York, in the 1890s undergoes many changes when she and her mother hecome involved with Susan B. Anthony and her suffragist. JU F buf

Sang af Sampo Lake
by William Durbin.
In 1900, as a family of Finnish immigrants hegins farming on the edge of a Minnesota lake, Matti works as a store clerk, teaches English, and works on the homestead, striving to get out of his older brother's shadow and eam their father's respect. JU F Our

Haw I Became an American
by Karin Gundisch,
translated from the German by James Skofield.
In 1902, ten-year-old Johann and his family, Germans who had been living in Austria-Hungary, board a ship to immigrate to Youngstown, Ohio, where they make a new life as Americans. JU F Gun

Dear Emma
hy Johanna Hurwitz.
In her letters to a Vermont friend, eighth grader hossi, a Russian, Jewish immigrant living in the Lower East Side of New York City in 1910, shares her thoughts ahout her new brother-in-law, the diphtheria epidemic, and the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire. (Sequel to Faraway Summer)
JU F Hur

Kira-kira
hy Cynthia Kadohata.
Chronicles the close friendship between two JapaneseAmerican sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill. JU F Kad

Man af the Family
by Kathleen Karr.
During the 1920s, life for Istvan, the eldest child of a HungarianAmerican family, holds hoth joy and sadness. JU F Kar

Nim and the War Effort
by Milly Lee.
In her determination to prove that an American can win the contest for the war effort, Nim does something which leaves her Chinese grandfather both bewildered and proud. JU F Lee

Silver Days
by Sonia Levitin.
Escaping from Hitler's Germany, a prosperous Jewish family lives in a New York City tenement until Papa decides to move the family to Califomia. JU F Lev

Land af Dreams
hy Joan Lowery Nixon.
In 1902 sixteen-year-old Kristin travels with her family from Sweden to a new life in Minnesota, where she finds herself frustrated by the restrictions placed on what girls of her age are expected or allowed to do. Ju F Nix

America is Her Name
by Luis J. Rodriguez.
A Mixteca Indian from Oaxaca, Américci So liz, suffers from the poverty and hopelessness of her Chicago ghetto, made more endurahle hy a desire and determination to be a poet. JU F Rod

Goodbye ta the Trees
by Vicky Shiefman.
Despite the excitement and confusion of her new life in America, thirteen-year-old Fagel can't forget the family she left behind in Russia. JU F Shi

The Magic Paintbrush
by Laurence Yep.
A magic paintbrush transports Steve and his elderly caretakers from their drah apartment in Chinatown to a world of adventures. JU F Yep

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PHYSICS SUMMER SCHOOL: 21 high school students from Abruzzi Italy are shown with their Princeton University instructors at the closing ceremony of the 2005 Gran Sasso-Princeton Physics Summer School. The students were selected through a competition based on academic merit and they are all interested in studying physics in college. During their stay in Princeton, the students studied physics, English, attended cultural events, and visited New York, Philadelphia, and Washington.

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Researching Child Care Centers for Your Child

The Princeton Family YMCA provides tips for parents who are looking for a quality child care center. Before visiting any centers, parents should consider a few issues. Does your child have special needs? How many hours of child care do you need? Should the center be located near home, work or school?

Ask to speak with the director or supervisor when calling a child care center and be prepared with a list of questions such as the ones listed below.

What are your hours? How many children are in a group? How many staff members care for each group? What training do the staff have? Do any teachers have early childhood education and training? What are the director's qualifications? Are parents encouraged to drop in?

What is the basic cost? Are there any additional charges? Is there a charge when children are sick or away on holiday? Is there a waiting list or an application fee?

Visit two or more centers, during the busy part of their day, for at least an hour each and ask if you can bring your child along. Take that opportunity to interview the director, ask questions, and observe the children and staff interacting. Do the children appear comfortable with their teachers? Is there daily communication with parents and are yearly conferences scheduled? What is the staff turnover rate? Get feedback from other parents who have children enrolled at the center.

Notice the physical setting and make sure it's healthy, safe, and if there is age appropriate equipment. Ask about security and if identification is checked when children are picked up.

Inquire about learning activities and look for a lesson plan posted in classrooms for children ages two and older. Visit the outside play area and check if the equipment is in good condition.

Finally, ask if the center has appropriate local and state licenses? Is it accredited by a national organization such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children? Following the visit, parents should feel confident about making the right child care decision.

The YMCA is the largest provider of child care in the United States. For information about Princeton YMCA Child Care, call (609) 497-9622.

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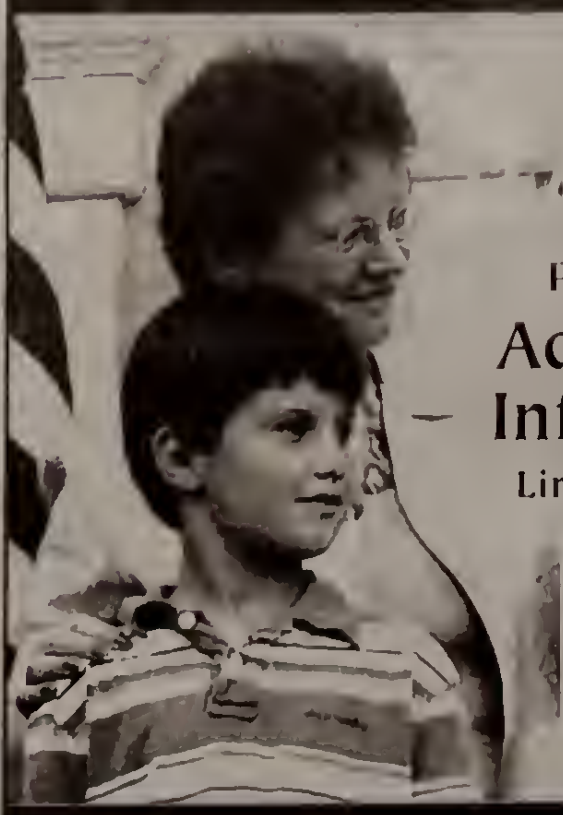

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Three Local Educators Attend Teacher Academy

Three local educators joined 50 of the state's best teachers at the second annual New Jersey Teacher Academy at ETS in Princeton. The intensive three day conference, which took place August 12-14, aimed to provide teachers with professional development tools to enhance student learning.

The Mercer County teachers that attended are: Bonnie Gendaszek from John Witherspoon Middle School in Princeton, Jane Fetter from Lawrenceville Intermediate School in Lawrenceville, and Andrea Scaturo from West Windsor-Plainsboro Public School in West Windsor.

Teachers who attended the academy were selected because of their reputations as exemplary practitioners who influence student learning in a positive way. Academy attendees included Milken Educators, State Teachers of the Year, County Teachers of the year, National Board Certified Teachers, and Presidential Math and Science Award winners.

The academy focused on several key concerns, including New Jersey's curriculum standards for instruction and assessment, interpreting and using test scores, developing teachers as leaders in their schools, and increasing awareness of bias.

The attendees also worked to develop a plan to bring the lessons learned from the academy to their own schools, districts, and counties. In addition, the teachers had the opportunity to meet the 2005 National Teacher of the Year, Jason Kamras, who teaches mathematics in the John Philip Sousa Middle School in Washington, D.C.

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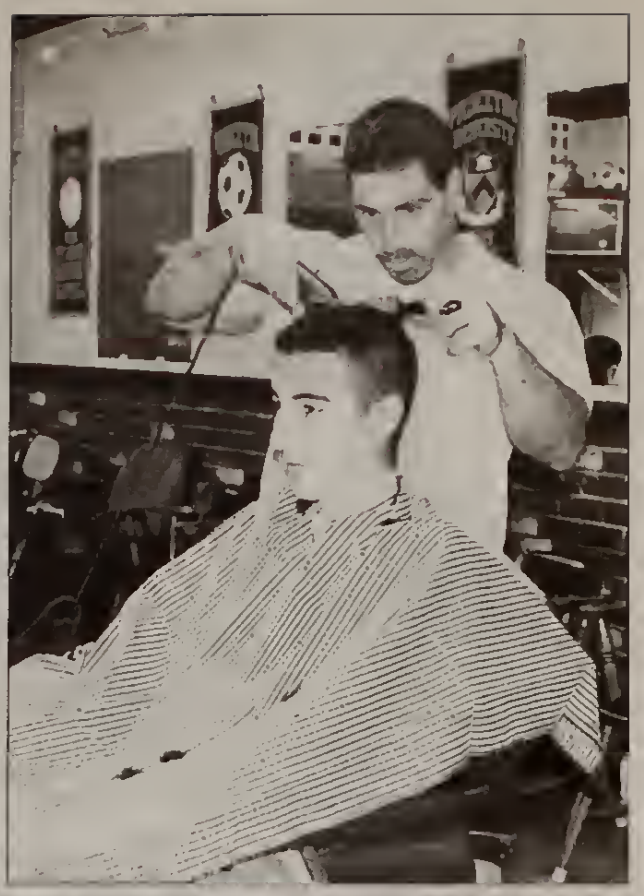

MAKE IT SHORT: Tammer Yamany gets his hair cut by Mike Zingaro at the Rialto Barber Shop in anticipation of the upcoming school year and soccer season. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

COMPUTER + KIDS: One student works on building a computer at the Computer + Kids, an area camp that provides mind stimulation, encourages creativity, and offers innovative technology adventures.

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AT THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN: Just in time to have their picture taken but off to play before they could be identified were four of the more than 3,000 kids who have enjoyed the Perry Street Children's Garden in Trenton. Behind them (from left) are former Garden Club of Princeton President Julia Garry; Chief Operating Officer of Isles, Inc, Liz Johnson; another former GCP President Milly King; GCP President Barbara Chatham; and Elyse Pivnick, Isles Vice-President for Environment and Community Health.

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Going to Nursery School

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Book suggestions prepared by
Youth Services Librarian Lucia Acosta

Chatterbox Jamie
by Nancy Evans Cooney; illustrated hy Marylin Hafner
Jamie enjoys all the activities at his nursery school but does not talk until just the right time for him. Ju E Coo

First Friends
by Lenore Blegvad; pictures hy Erik Blevgad.
Young children start exploring independence and learn to make new friends at a nursery school. Ju E Ble

My First Day at Nursery School
by Becky Edwards; illustrated by Anthony Flintoft.
On the first day of preschool, a little girl misses her mother, hut on the second day she is excited to go hack. JU E Edw

My Nursery School
hy Harlow Rockwell.
A child discusses the various activities going on in nursery school. Ju E Roc

Pete and Polo's Big Schaal Adventure
hy Adrian Reynolds.
Pete and his polar bear are both nervous on their first day of school, especially when Polo finds he is the only bear that's not brown. Ju E Rey

Russell's Secret
hy Johanna Hurwitz; illustrated by Heather Maione.
When Russell decides to stay home from nursery school and be a baby just like his new sister, he discovers that being treated like a baby when you are a hig hoy is no fun at all. Ju E Hur

Sabrina
Story and pictures by Martha Alexander.
During roll call on her first day of nursery school, a little girl decides she doesn't like her name and wants to change it. Ju E Ale (Tiny)

Shawn Goes ta Schaal
by Petronella Breinhurg. With illus. by Errol Lloyd.
A little boy adjusts to his first day at nursery school. Ju BTR E Bre

We Play
by Phyllis Hoffman; pictures hy Sarah Wilson.
A rhymed account of a child's fun filled day at nursery school. Ju E Hof

Wemberly Warried
by Kevin Henkes.
A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school. Ju E Hen

My Brown Bear Barney
by Dorothy Butler; illustrated by Elizabeth Fuller.
On her many travels, a small girl takes many things, especially her brown bear Barney. Ju E But

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Garden Club of Princeton Gives $25,000 to Isles

The Garden Club of Princeton has announced that it is presenting a $25,000 gift to Isles, Inc., for the renovation of the Perry Street Children's Garden in Trenton. The gift was made through the Founders Fund of the Garden Club of America, which includes the Princeton club among its members.

Located across from Trenton's new Robert Venturi-designed firehouse, and next to the city recreation site, Roberto Clemente Park, the Children's Garden has provided a setting in which children have been taught about gardening and ecology, the use of plants in medicine, air pollution prevention, water quality and soils, and the history of Trenton's land from prehistory to present.

Isles, Inc., which oversees the Children's Garden, is a 24-year-old, nationally recognized, nonprofit community development organization dedicated to improving social, economic, and environmental health in distressed areas through various means, including community gardening and environmental education for children.

The renovation plan includes recommendations for a greater variety of native plantings, paths, and a trellis to frame and shade a new meeting and teaching area.

Landscape design services will be provided by Louise Schiller and Associates, a Princeton-based landscape designer. The garden is part of a larger project that will be completed with funding from the N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program.

The Isles Career Center's YouthBuild Program, a job-training program for at-risk youth, will provide some labor and supervision in the building of proposed paths and the constructing of planting beds. The Garden Club of Princeton will advise in the selection of native plantings.

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girls to build character and self-esteem, hone special talents, train for leadership, respect their bodies, stay in school, and be proud of who they are and what they do. The deadline for proposals to the Fund for Women and Girls is Friday, September 30.

PACF's Greater Mercer Grants are for programs that address the needs of low-income individuals and families, support community organizing in low-income neighborhoods and address concerns and opportunities within and across municipalities with the greatest impact within Mercer County. The next deadline for proposals to the Greater Mercer Grants Programs is September 16.

Full grant guidelines and applications for all grants cycles are available on the Princeton Area Community Foundation web site at www.pacf.org. PACF can also be reached at (609) 219-1800.

Since the inception of the Fund for Women and Girls, some 200 area women have made gifts totaling nearly $170,000 in addition to a $100,000 match from Bristol-Myers Squibb. Gifts may be made in memory of or in honor of a mother, daughter, grandparent, sibling, friend, or co-worker.

Princeton Area Foundation Seeks Grant Proposals

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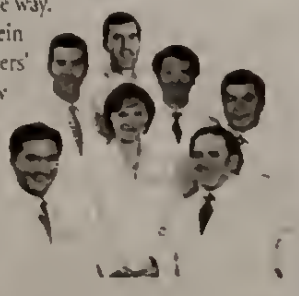

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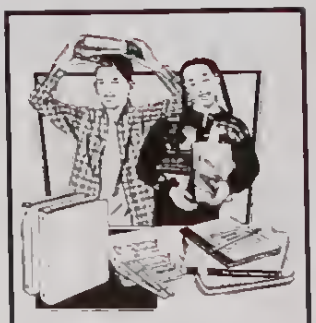

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Rider University Plans Pig Roast Fund-Raiser

The Community Advisory Board of Rider University's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) will host its second Pig Roast Fund-Raiser on Friday, September 30 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Rider's Campus Mall, near Daly's Dining Hall. The event is open to the public.

Sandwiches will be $5 per person. Chicken and other side dishes will also be served. Complete dinners with cole slaw, potato salad, and baked beans will be offered for $10 per person.

Proceeds will be used for book awards, scholarships, and enrichment programs for Rider's EOP students.

For more information, call (609) 896-5381. Rider University is located at 2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville.

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Citizenship Classes Offered at Library

The Latin American Task Force will be offering free citizenship classes to prepare immigrants for the U.S. citizenship test. Basic Civics will be taught, and English necessary for the test will be reviewed.

The classes will meet Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Conference Room on the second floor of the library. Registration will take place on September 7 at the first session. The classes are free to all interested immigrants, according to a first-come, first-served policy.

The citizenship classes are co-sponsored by the Latin American Task Force, the Princeton Public Library, the Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and the Jewish Center of Princeton.

For more information, call (609) 924-9529, ext. 245.

Evergreen Forum Sets Fall Course Offerings

Evergreen Forum is a daytime, lifelong learning study program sponsored by the Princeton Senior Resource Center, that encourages active discussion and participation. The fall classes offer a wide range of topics from history, art, and music.

Classes meet at various Princeton locations, once a week, two hours, for approximately eight weeks, beginning Monday, September 26. The cost to participate in one class is $50 and $35 for each additional class. Registration begins Thursday, September 8.

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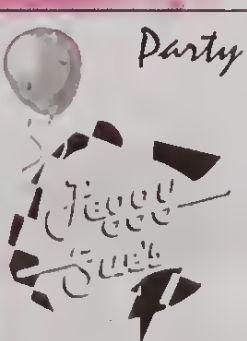

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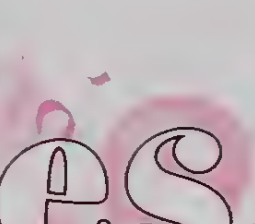

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